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# MI6 in plot to kill Saddam

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Exclusive By Patrick Cockburn

A PLOT by MI6, Britain's Secret Inselligence Service, to topple President Saddam Hussein collapsed in ignominy, triggering one of the worst defeats in its history.

The coup, organised by intelligence officers in Amman, Jordan, was crushed by the Iraqi leader, who executed as many as 80 conspirators

and arrested hundreds more. "The revelation will be widely seen as contradicting British and American claims that they are not planning to topple the leadership in Baghdad. They have claimed repeatedly that the only issue at stake is the entry of UN weapons inspec-

the CIA joined in trying to forment a military coup against President Alawi, a former member of Iraq's

Saddam in Iraq. Members of the Iraqi opposition say that the organisation chosen by MI6 and the CIA to organise the revolt in the Iraqi army is notorious for being riddled with informers.

CIA agents, angry that the White House stopped them from backing an attempt to assassinate President Saddam or mount a military attack on him, have confirmed for the first time to the Los Angeles Times that the attempted coup was a joint operation by MI6 and the CLA.

The two intelligence agencies chose a group called the Iraqi National Accord, recruited from Iraqi army, party and intelligence officers, as the instrument through which to tors. Yet 18 months ago MI6 and organise a military coup in Baghdad.

ruling Baath party, who has lived in London since 1971.

Other sources say that the London station of the CIA along with Mt6 played a key role in choosing the Accord to overthrow the Iraqi government. With money from the

Saddam.

Other experienced opponents of the government in Baghdad say the conspiracy never stood a chance of success. One, who did not want like this cannot be stage-managed intelligence agencies it moved its from the outside, as in the 1960s. headquarters to Jordan in early Saddam has thirty years' experience of senior officers in an elite forma-

reputation for containing many Iraqi double agents. The military conspiracy in Baghdad was crushed before it got off the ground. Dr Alawi had publicised his intention to start his name published, said: "A coup a mutiny in the Iraqi army. Starting

in late June and early July 1996, there was a wave of arrests and executions

The CEA'S attempt to overthrow

President Saddam has received some publicity in the US, but the role of MI6 in the failed coup has hitherto been kept secret. Few other operations by British intelligence have produced such immediately fatal results for its participants since MI6 arranged in the late 1940s for Albanian anti-Communists to be sent back to their homeland under the supervision of Kim Philby.

MI6 appears to have played a lesser role in an earlier attempt by the CIA to destabilise the government of President Saddam through building up opposition in Iraq's three Kurdish provinces from which the Iraqi army had withdrawn, Here,

1996 and tried to recruit serving Iraqi in keeping power." He added that tion. The number of those killed is officers to act against President the Iraqi National Accord has a bad not known but may be as high as pared to carry out a much more agnered to carry out a gressive campaign against the Iraqi leader than Washington was prepared to authorise.

So out of control did the CIA operation is Kurdistan become that the White House only learned what was happening because American codebreakers had intercepted the communications of the Iranian intelligence. From this they learned of their own men's involvement in an assassination plot against the Iraqi leader. They were immediately ordered by Washington not go give support to the conspiracy.

So frustrated did the acting head of the CIA become with some of his officers that he had them investigated by the FBI for trying to murder President Saddam.

#### UN Secretary-General may go on peace mission to Baghdad

SIGNS grew yesterday that the UN Secretary-General, Kofi there to defuse the showdown. Mr Annan is likely to Baghdad to try to avert a military strike against Iraq in the al-Sahhaf, in Paris tomorrow. long-running dispute over UN arms inspections.

Mr Annan and the five permanent members of the York to seek agreement on proposals that he could take Security Council.

Annan, might make a personal eleventh-hour mission to meet the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Mohammed Said

Diplomats said the United States and Britain were prepared to support a mission by Mr Annan, provided United Nations Security Council were to meet in New that he was given clear "bottom-line conditions" by the

evoted to enab to detect and respond to human emotions. She and her students have already built a variety of inconspicuous devices for people to wear which collect data on pulse and breathing rate, blood pressure and overall states of arousal - all important

Dr Picard's team, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab, has, for instance, built "confusion-sensing glasses". They have detectors which can pick up electrical activity in the eyebrow muscles resulting from the slightest eyehrow-wrinkling, caused

when we furrow our brows. Dr Picard told the American Association for the Advance-

### The computer that can hack into your emotions

it is only subtle - is essential to

good conversation. "We're talk-

By Nichalas Schoon in Philadelphia

FRUSTRATED? Angry? No one understands you? Never mind, get a computer. Com- or frustration how are we to learn from our mistakes? puters are being taught to sense different human emotions.

The work is being done by communication between peo-Dr Rosalind Picard, who runs ple and machines they will the world's first research group have to he programmed to first detect clues to our emotions, use the data to compute what state we are in and finally devise the correct response, Dr Picard said. Within a couple of decades we are likely to be holding conversations with them, and the play of emotions - even if

cues to our emotional state.

ment of Science's annual meeting that emotions were fundamental to communication

ing about machines that really we reason and take decisions. can adapt to you, just like a per-Psychologists have shown that patients lacking emotions son adapts to you," she said. are unable to make rational de-

The cues could be changes in voice, or expression. Alcisions; if we don't feel sadness ready a computer has been programmed to recognise half a dozen extreme emotions. To have really effective hased on facial movements.

Dr Picard's group has been concentrating on physiological data, including bow well the skin conducts electricity, which is what lie detectors measure. There is also the prospect of computers being able to pick up cues to our emobons when we touch them. Many of us, perhaps appropriately now spend much more time touching computers at work than we do touching people.



Lovey-dovey: lan Holm, voted best actor at the Laurance Olivier Awards, kissing Zoe Wannamaker at the ceremony in London yesterday. Halm Lovey-dovey: tan morm, voted best actor at the Laurance Cityles And San Andrews and Wannamker for Electron Full story, page 3 Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid between people and to the way

### Inquiry into mobile phone health risk

By Charles Arthur, cience Editor

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A GROUP of 18 volunteers will start tests soon to see whether using mobile phones can affect short-term memory, decisionmaking and reaction time.

The trials at the Bristol Royal Infirmary are part of a £100,000 investigation by the Department of Health to try to establish whether the microwave radiation emitted by hand-held phones could cause cancers or other illnesses.

The study also involves tests on rais at the Chemical and Biological Research Centre at Porton- Down to examine whether mobile phone radiation causes "learning deficits". Dr John Tattersall, who is leading the research, will also carry out parallel research to evaluate the public's attitude to the risk

posed by mobile phones. The first fears over mobile phone technology were triggered by a 1993 US lawsuit on behalf of a women who claimed

to have developed a turnour be hind her left ear after using a mobile phone. Since then, a number of similar multi-million dollar lawsuits have been filed in the US; none has succeeded.

Between 1979 and 1991, the latest year for which full figures are available, the incidence of malignant primary brain tumours increased by 20 per cent in men and women in England and Wales - from about 5 to 6.2 per 100,000. But David Secher of the Cancer Research Campaign said: "The majority of that rise is among the over-70s, who we might assume are not mobile phone users."

Alan Preece, the medical physicist who will be overseeing the tests at Bristol, said yesterday: "I would be quite surprised if there was any effect on the brain from using a mobile phone. I wouldn't expect the small amount of energy that gets absorbed by the brain to do anything but heat it up slightly, and that would be dissipated just like any other warming."

### Ministers poised to expel Sinn Fein from peace talks

By David McKittrick in Belfast and Alan Murdoch in Dublin

THE British and Irish governments are poised to suspend Sinn Fein from the multi-party talks because of the IRA's assumed involvement

in two Belfast killings. The issue dominated yesterday's talks, the first session in Dublin rather than Belfast, but the matter was unresolved last night. The Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, formally moved what is described as an indictment of Sinn Fein, citing the charge that it breached the Mitchell

principles of non-violence. This brought the scheduled business of the talks, consideration of new north-south links, to a halt. But after hours of argument the chairman, former US senator George Mitchell, had not uncovered enough common ground on how to deal with the charge.

Ulster's toll of violence

LOYALISTS were responsible for killing B people, and Republicans two people, between 20 July and 25 january, the Government said last night. The figures do not include the two murders in Belfast last week which police have

linked to the IRA. The figures say loyalists were also responsible for 51 shootings, six bombings and 36 assaults; Republicans were said to be behind 20 bombings, 21 shootings, and 26 assaults.

ers yesterday mounted a rear-

guard battle which helped de-

lay resolution of the issue.

The Republicans say their po-

sition is different to that of the

UDP in that the UDA admit-

ted killings, while the IRA

has declared its truce is intact.

would be against natural jus-

tice, and that even temporary

exclusion would endanger the

peace process. Later Mr

Adams said: "I am absolutely

pissed off with trying to make

this thing work and those who

have no interest in making it

work seize upon two men be-

ing killed to exploit it and bring

Sinn Fein says expulsion

The talks are scheduled to reconvene this afternoon.

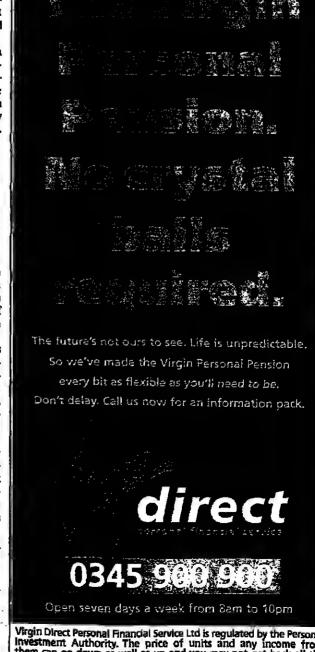
Last night the most likely outcome appeared to be exclusion of Sinn Fein until around 10 March, in line with the precedent of the Ulster Democratic Party, suspended after its parent organisation. the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, admitted three killings.

Such a timetable would avoid complications arising from a possible visit to the US of the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, for St Patrick's Day celebrations on 17 March. He and other Sinn Fein leadthis process down." As the talks were going on, four men were charged in Belfast in connection with the murder of Robert Dougan, one of the killings in contention.

It is understood Ms Mowlam advanced no fresh evidence against Sinn Fein, relying on last week's statement by the RUC Chief Constable, Ronnie Flanagan, that he believed the IRA was involved.

Last night the Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern, said he had received a personal assurance from Tony Blair that there was evidence of IRA involvement in the killings. He said he trusted Mr Blair's





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### Straw opts for press freedom

By Anthony Bevins Political Editor

THE balaoce between individual privacy and press freedom was tilted firmly in favour of the media by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, last night.

Opening a Commons debate on the Human Rights Bill, Mr Straw gave the strongest possible assurance to press critics that the legislation would not be used to introduce a backdoor privacy law. But the Bill - which enshrines the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, "bringing rights home" from Strasbourg to the domestic courts - will give teeth to the Press Complaints Commission's self-regulatory code of conduct.

A government source said that officials were in discussion whether the code could be strengthened, with the possisystem of self-regulation.

The deat to change the balance of the Bilt more firmly in favour of the press was struck at a meeting last Friday between Mr Straw and Lord Wakeham, the commission chairman.

Mr Straw told the House: support for the freedom of the media and our opposition to a statutory privacy law."

But he recognised press concerns, and saw it as the duty of government and Parliament "to assuage those anxieties if we possibly can." To fulfil that

duty, a framework of amendments to the Bill had been agreed with Lord Wakeham, a former Tory minister.

Under the European Convention on Human Rights, there were two articles of particular concern: "The Article 10 right to freedom of expression, and the Article 8 right to respect for private and family life."

The Home Secretary said it was worth pointing ont that in practice, the Strasbourg-based European Court of Human Rights had extensively used the convention "to huttress and uphold the freedom of the press against efforts by the state to restrict it."

Those European judgments, would have to be taken into account by the judges in this country he said, but Mr Straw with the commission to see accepted that there was the need for further reassurance.

He had agreed to an amendbility of fines being built into the ment to the Bill, containing "an explicit provision on the face of the Bill that, in any case in which a person applies for relief or a remedy on Article 8 grounds related to respect for private life, and the granting of a remedy would raise issues concerning an Article 10 convention right, the "We have repeatedly stated our court must have particular regard to freedom of expression."

Mr Straw said the amendnents would "constitute a useful signal and reminder to the United Kingdom courts" that the balance was tilted against privacy and in favour of media freedom.

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Against the Ayatollah's declaration: Robin Cook greeting Salman Rushdie at the Foreign Office yesterday

### Cook vows to fight threat to Rushdie

SALMAN Rushdie was given public government backing yesterday when he was permitted to hold his first press conference in the ornate surroundings of the Foreign Office.

While Douglas Hurd, when Foreign Secretary, met Salman Rushdie behind rightly closed doors, the novelist yesterday sat next to Robin Cook as the minister pledged to put pressure on Iran to withdraw the death seotence on him.

years after the Ayatollah

against Mr Rushdie over bis book The Satanic Verses.

Following the signal from the Prime Minister, who welcomed Mr Rushdie to dinner at Chequers on Saturday, the anniversary of the fatwa, Mr Cook made ctear his personal sense of outrage and his determination to act.

"I have given [Mr Rushdie] an assurance that working to remove the threat to his life will be a central priority of this Government's policy in relation The meeting came nine to Iran and I'll be working to get nounce her Christian faith, Mr British Muslims were now op-

Khomeini issued the farwa from our European partners," Mr Cook said.

The Government is to ask for a written assurance from the current more moderate Iranian predecessor, would not further the farwa against the novelist.

And it is to encourage European support to secure the removal of the \$2.5m (£1.6m) bounty upon Mr Rushdie's

Standing beside Mr Cook and beneath a painting of St Cecilia, martyred for refusing to rethe maximum support for that Rushdie, 50, contrasted the ac-posed to it.

tion with that of the previous Conservative administration. "I do have a real sense of a

new drive behind this issue, I'm

very grateful," he said. Mr Rushdie said he suspected the Tories had sent out "nods and winks" to Europe that a low-key approach was the hest way to tackle his predicament and he hoped Europeans would now follow the more positive lead being offered.

Mr Rushdie said he remained proud of The Satanic Verses and he believed few

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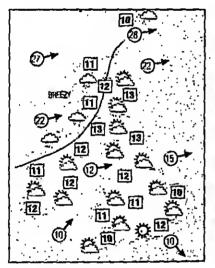
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JACKO'SULLIVAN'S RAISING LIFE

#### WEATHER



Western Scotland and north-western parts of Northern Ireland will be rather dull and breezy with occasional drizzle, sleady at times near coasts. Eastern Scotland and the rest of Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with pleasant sumy breaks and it will be very mild for February. England and Wales will be dry and fine with plenty of sunshine, and although temperatures will be above normal it will not be as warm as last week. South-east coasts will see less

Outlook for the next few days

It will remain mostly dry and settled on Wednesday but overnight tog may be slow to clear from the Midlands. A few parts will see a little drizzle, these being mainly in the far north and north-west. Thursday will be generally cloudy, only the south-east likely to get any decent sunshine, with rain and drizzle affecting western parts. On Finday rain will cross the UK being replaced by a cooler, showery airstream.

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#### HANLON WEATHER WISE

SPECIACULAR temperatures have been recorded in southern Britain over the past week, as an area of high pressure centred on western France has sent warm dry air in our direction from Africa and the Canary Islands. in several places, the mercury has soured to a summery 20C the sort of temperatures we associate with a flaming June, not a foggy February.

Of course, every silver lining has a cloud; skiers are unlikely to be appreciating the warmth, which has cleared the snow from the Scottish slopes and is threatening to do the same in the Alps.

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rection is from the south, the very warmest places to be in Britain are often on the corth coasts of South-west England. Already mild air blows across the Channel, picking up some moisture on the way. As the air is forced ever the West Counture coodenses out as rain or

Continuing north, the air then descends over the northem flanks of Exmoor, Dartmoor it falls. The air is now dryer than before, having lost its moisture on the hills. Dry air warms up more easily than moist air, and so there is a net heat gain of 3-5C, good news for the people of Lynmouth and Ilfracombe.

This effect is called a Fohn wind, and this weather feature. on a much larger scale, is common in the northern Alpine valleys of Austria, Switzerland and Bavaria at this time of year, making the snow disappear before your eyes.

Spectacular Föhn winds, locally called the Chinook, affect the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains of North America. In 1988, a particularly strong

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When the prevailing wind di- Chinook nearly wiped out the Winter Olympics in Calgary, as temperatures rose from -10C to around 20C in less than one Prest

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Föhn winds are not the only airflows both consistent and unusual enough to be given a name. The south of France oftry moors, it rises and cools a few teo falls victim to the Mistral, corees, and some of the mois- a kind of anti-Fölin that sweeps south down the Rhone valley in winter, bringing unusually cold air to the Mediterranean coast. The Harmattan blows othre Saharan dust all over West Africa and Bodmin Moor, warming as and sometimes into Europe and onto freshiv-washed cars and washing lines. And the Texas Norther can see temperatures plummet in this sub-tropical state to below freezing in January and February. The same wind, which changes its name to Tehuantepecer as, it crosses the Rio Grande, brings a chill to the Mexican plains.

The Arabian Khamsin, or Sirocco, blows hot dry air from the south-east. Khamsin winds. can bring temperatures of 50C or more across the Middle East and North Africa. Fortunately, for anyone experiencing such outlandish temperatures, the humidity will prohably be



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# Catholic anger at Murdoch's papal knighthood

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The Roman Catholic church is receiving complaints from worshippers following news that Rupert Murdoch has been awarded a papal knighthood from Pope

Senior Catholics are said to have been "mystified and astonished" when they heard that the purveyor of newspaper sex. scandal and nudity was made a Knight Commander of St Gregory at a ceremony in Los Angeles last month.

News of the award was kept out of Mr

Murdoch's British titles - the Sun, the Times, the Sunday Times and the News of the World - at his request, although it is provoking outrage in the religious media and in Ireland, where many Catholics have reacted with anger that Mr Murdoch, who is not a Catholic, appears to have heen honoured purely for donating large sums of money to the church. He and his wife, Anna, who is a Catholic, are known in Los Angeles as large contributors to the Archdiocesan Education Foundation, although

specific amounts are not known. The award was made by the Pope at the

suggestion of Cardinal Archhishop Roger Herald, said: "We have been receiving a Mahony of Los Angeles. His recommendation was vetted by the Secretariat of State nt the Vatican before being given the approval of the pontiff.

The knighthood is bestowed upon people of "unblemished character". It was presented by the Cardinal at St Francis De Sales Church in Los Angeles on 11 January. Other recipients included Boh Hope and Roy Disney, of the Walt Disney empire.

The reaction of Catholics in Britain has been almost unanimously negative. Deborah Jones, editor of the Catholic

much larger mailbag that usual, about 99 per cent of it asking: What the bell is the church doing giving him a knighthood?"

The great majority are complaining about page 3 girls and soft pornography in his newspapers and on his satellite channels. Some of the more thoughtful ones are expressing concern over his monopolistic tendencies and his [legal] reluctance to pay taxes. Worst of all, it does the church no good at all because it gives the impression

that these honours can be bought." Joanna Bogle, of the Association of Catholic Women, described the decision to honour Mr Murdoch as "absurd".

Speaking in a personal capacity, she said: "It sends out the message that you can make a living out of something - soft pornography - that is regarded by the Church as sinful, and yet you can be awarded for it. The Knighthood of St Gregory is supposed to be about honour and chivalry and and splendour. To give it to Murdoch is ridiculous and wrong."

Fr Kieran Conry, director of the Catholic Media Office, confirmed that some Catholics had been complaining.

"Some have said that this man is a purveyor of pornography and filth. The News of the World may not be everyone's idea of a good read, but in general, no one could say Mr Murdoch has done anything evil."

Ann Widdecombe, the Tory MP who converted to the Catholic church, said she was "astonished" at the award. But she added: "I hope that now ... he might feel obliged to make some of his newspapers conform to Catholic teachings. It is never too late for a sinner to repent."

News International said Mr Murdoch did not wish to comment.



By Paul McCann Media Correspondent

BASIL would be livid. Fresh from taking the bad behaviour from Men Behaving Badly, exrising the drinking smoking drugs and jokes from Absolutely Fabulous, American television has its heart set on ruining another British comedy classic.

Because CBS is planning a remake of Fawlty Towers.

The Seventies series is set to star American sit-com actor John Larroquette, who is best known in Britain for his part as a grasping lawyer in the Eighties comedy Night Court.

The pilot is yet to be made, but the omens are not good. Without the demented windmill that was Cleese's Basil Fawity; without Pruncila Scales's Syhil - "A laugh like someone machine-gunning a seal," according to Basil - and Andrew Sachs's innocent Manuel, the show looks likely to be less funny than a wet weekend in Torquay.

Despite once declaring that the show was so perfectly formed he would only make the 12 existing episodes, the format has been sold by John Cleese and his former wife Connie Booth, who wrote the series with him.

The new version will be made by USA Networks Studios and written by two writers who, rather worryingly, created a comedy called Something So Right. This was a comedy of manners about a couple with a

They took the drink

fags away from Patsy

and stopped the men

away from Fitz, the

behaving badly. So

whatever will the

Americans do to

Basil and Sybil?

number of previous marriages behind them. Faulty Towers has long been a hit on American television thanks to eternal repeats on Public Service Television and the cable channel Comedy Central. Twenty years after it was made it remains the BBC's best-selling comedy for overseas sales and every year appears in its top-ten best-selling ogrammes list.

It is not the first time the Americans have made an attempt on this piece of comedy history. In 1983 a short-lived series called Amanda's, which rather missed the point of the Watery Fowls title jokes, tried reversing the gender of the bad tempered hotelier.

The history of more recent comedy format acquisitions is not much better. Roseanne Barr bought the rights to Absolutely Fabulous, but was told it could never be allowed on air in America with so much drinking and smoking. The re-made clean version was called High Society and managed a meagre 13 episodes - which is about half a se-



ries in America - before heing canned. The watered-down American version of Men Behaving Badly managed one and half series before being cancelled.

Not only comedies suffer when they cross the Atlantic. The lead in Fitz, the US version of Cracker, goes easy on the the alcohol and gambling, and is never seen drawing on a cigarette, unlike the Fitz played by Robbie Coltrane.

They like to buy our series ideas because it gives them an already-made product to put in front of a network, a star or a team of writers," says Colin Jarvis, head of format licensing at BBC Worldwide. "It gives producers a kind of short cut through the

Mr Jarvis denies that watering down British jokes is causing American producers problems, "Perhaps that was the case when Men Behaving Badly was put on too early for the subject matter," he says. "But One Foot in the Grave with Bill Cosby is doing well. And in the past All in the Family and Sandford and Son, which came from Till Death us do Part and Steptoe and Son, did very well. I think its just that its a tougher market now and shows don't get long to prove they work."



Very British humour: If the Americans took the bad behaviour out of Men Behaving Badly (above), what will they do to Fawtly Towers?

### Doctors who make cutting remarks called to account

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Doctors who make insulting remarks about patients on the operating table risk being found out when the general anaesthetic fails to work, researchers

Lost in translation: Not so Absolutely Fabulous (top) in

the US without the drugs and drink, and Crocker

(above) loses its hard edge when it becomes Fitz

report today. Patients who heard themselves described as fat, ugly or overweight later complained when they recovered from the anaesthetic that had rendered them immobile and incapable

of speech hut not asleep. A study of 45 patients who reported being conscious while undergoing major surgery found half said they were struck el of consciousness during an by the personal nature of re-

marks made about their bodies. the disease, or the surgery itself. Half the patients said they

were able to see what was going on with some able to recognise things or faces. Two thirds recalled conver-

sations and the same proportion felt being touched. But although most tried to alert someone, all found themselves to be paralysed and none succeeded.

The study, reported in the British Journal of Anaesthesia, is the latest to describe the rare event of awareness under a general anaesthetic. About one in 500 patients regains some levoperation hut in almost every case they remain paralysed, unable to give any sign they are aware of what is going on. Professor Dierk Schwender

and colleagues of the Institute for Anaesthesiology, Munich, Germany, who found the patients by advertising for them, said that the feeling of helplessness was the most traumatic part of the experience for all of the patients.

"The feeling that they were unable to influence the situation was was more important than the pain some of them said they suffered," Professor Schwender said.

Although the cases are extremely rare, awareness under anaesthesia is commonest during caesarians, when doctors try to limit the amount of anaesthetic used to minimise the risk of harm to the baby, and during heart operations, when poor circulation means the anaesthetic may not reach the

hrain in sufficient quantities. "We always prepare patients undergoing these operations and reassure them that we will talk to them all the time and watch out for any sign that they may be conscious. If you do that they are quite happy to accept it," Professor Schwender said. "One should treat patients always as patients, even when they are unconscious. It is when doctors fail to do that that

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#### Crowning glory for 'Lear' at Olivier theatre awards

By David Lister Arts News Editor

IAN HOLM and Richard Eyre celebrated a double triumph for the National Theatre's production of King Lear when they both received Laurence Olivier Awards yesterday.

The best actor award went to Ian Holm for his towering performance, soon to be repeated on television. And Richard Eyre was named best director.

The two stars of the musical Chicago. Ute Lemper and Ruthic Henshall, were pitted against each other for the best actress in a musical award. Lemper won and in customary awards ceremony style immediately

paid a tearful tribute to her co-star. Zoe Wanamaker was named best actress for her role in Electra, while Patrick Marber's comedy of contemporary sexual mores, Closer, won best play, beating two men he acknowledged as lifelong influences, Tom Stoppard and David Hare.

lan Holm is one of many star names supporting the Independent and Independent on Sunday's Save The Arts Campaign. And, not surprisingly, at a time of continuing financial crisis in the arts, the awards ceremony at the Albery Theatre in London had a political flavour. Compere Clive Ander-

son, took a swipe at the Government for its arts funding record. He said it had been an eventful year for the arts with the opening of London's Globe Theatre showing audiences what it would have been like to visit a theatre in Shakespeare's day. And be added: "The new Labour Government showed us what arts funding must have been like in the Middle Ages.

When the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, took the stage, he countered: "Can I just say that the Middle Ages didn't last forever." He was not allowed the last word, though. Clive Anderson retorted: "We should be all right in three or four hundred

There was a significant remark from Mr Smith after Paul Daniel, music director at English National Opera, had won an award. Mr Smith, who a few months ago had caused alarm by indicating the ENO might have to move in to the Royal Opera House, said simply as he came on to the stage: "Long live the English National Opera," causing those present to believe that threat must have been rescinded.

Mr Smith also made a plea to retain one of Britain's most famous theatres, the Old Vic, as he paid tribute to the men who had kept it alive. He was presenting a special award to father and son Ed and David Renseroso Ed Il Moderato by Mark Morris Dance



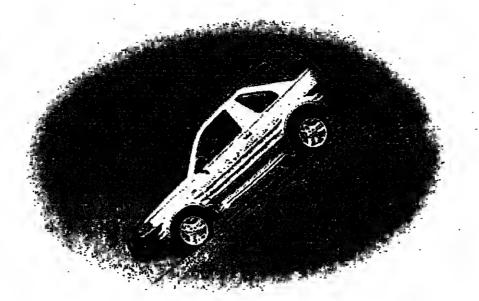
problems occur."

Mirvish, Canadian owners of the Old Vic, to mark their work in restoring and running the 180-year-old building.

The theatre closed its doors in December and is now up for sale. Mr Smith said: "Please don't rush into a disposal of the Old Vic and give all the rest of us a chance to come forward with good highquality proposals for it to run as a theatre, with a vital role to play in London's life."

Other awards included: Best actor in a musical - Philip Quast in The Fix; Best new musical - Beauty And The Beast; Best theatre choregrapher - Simon McBarney in The Caucasian Chalk Circle, Best set designer - Tim Goodchild for Three Hours After Marriage; Best performance in a supporting role - Sarah Woodward in Tom & Clem; Best supporting performence in a musical - James Dreyfus in Lady In The Dark; Best new dance production - L'Allegro, II

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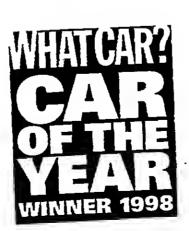
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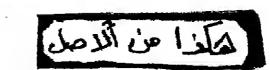
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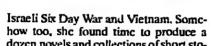
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## Martha Gellhorn, legend of war reporting, dies



She was one of the most distinguished voices of a bloody and turbulent century, writes Rupert Cornwell



riage (her second) with Ernest Hemingway. whom she had met in Key West in 1936. But only a small part. Gellhorn followed him to Madrid, and from there covered the or extreme emotional fire, as can be found. Spanish Civil War for Colliers Weekly. War's long separations and Hemingway's own idiosyncracies broke the relationship. and they divorced in 1946. But however im-

Martha Gellhorn with Ernest Herningway, whom she met in 1936, and at her home (above left)

Photographs: Robert Capa, lan Berry/Magnum

#### Her accomplishments as a

One of the greatest privileges of my life was to have been Martha Gellhorn's friend.

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journalist have been well documented and rightly celebrated -Martha hungered after the truth and loathed social injustice. But as a friend she was without parallel, a pillar of support and a model of courage.

If you felt your life was falling apart, Martina could always be counted upon for inspiration. When my marriage was failing, she sent me a typically stem, two-line note. A woman alone has nothing to be ashamed of, she said, and to be a woman alone is far, far better than to be a woman trapped in a loveless marriage.

Martha herself had expenenced two failed marriages, the first, of course, to Ernest Hemingway. She adored the company of dever young men and despised those she considered simpering fools. (Martha suffered fools very, very badly.) To be in her company was to be elevated into a special, rarefied world, one where love and loy-

I loved her like a mother and respected her like no other. I will miss her more than any words

Martha Gellhorn, who died in London at Israeli Six Day War and Vietnam, Some-horn learn her craft and distil her passion. and searched themselves for lice. They the weekend, aged 89, was not so much a woman war reporter as one of the very greatest correspondents to cover the conflicts of

this bloodiest and most violent of centuries. This American who made London ber final home practised journalism for the best part of 60 years, from the end of the 1920s to what she would call ber "last piece of war reporting", from South Wales, on the doomed British miners' strike of 1984 and 1985. In hetween, she covered wars from Spain to Finland, China and Java, and Europe and - much later - the Arab-

dozen novels and collections of short sto-

Yes, a part of her fame was owed to mar- to what you see or hear, and not suppress or invent". Which is of course in a sense subjectiveness - but also as good a defin-

ition of journalistic objectivity, under real

Gelihorn was among those who first conveyed the atrocities of Nazism to the world. "Behind the harbed wire and the electric fence," she wrote of just-liberatpossible his ways, the writer helped Gell- ed Dachau, "the skeletons sat in the sun time of observation had taught her that

She once declared she could not abide have no age and no faces ... they watched "all that objectivity shit". The reporter's us but they did not move. No expression ries, as well as four volumes of memoirs. duty, she believed, was to "limit yourself" shows on a face that is only yellowish, stubhly skin stretched across bone."

> Those who have witnessed such depravity can never thereafter be blind to the injustices of life. Gellhorn was a radical. who instinctively took the side of the disadvantaged and unprotected - a special bête noire in later life was Margaret Thatcher and her "evil revolution" that stoked hatred of the working class. A life-

the disadvantaged and unprotected are usually the first victims of war. Martha Gellhorn told it like it was.

To later generations of women war reoners, she was inspiration and a role model. Among her female contemporaries only Clare Hollingworth, who from the Polish-German border in 1939 scooped the Foreign Office on the outbreak of the Second World War, came close. Oriana Fallaci, the BBC's Kate Adie, Carole Walker and Sue Lloyd Roberts, and now Christiane Amanpour of CNN, are among her profession-

By the end, her sight had almost gone and her physical powers were ebbing. But visitors to her top-floor flat in Cadogan Square, with its views over the rooftops of the great museums of Kensington, found her mental sharpness and commitment as fierce as ever. And in the months before she died, she drew renewed enthusiasm from the election of a Labour Government pledged to an "ethical foreign policy". In a sense, that had been Gellhorn's objective, from behind a typewriter, every day of her professional life.

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### Doctors to join with police to help crack paedophile rings

By Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

SPECIALIST TEAMS of police and social workers could he set up to crack paedophile rings – a plan contained in a government consultation paper to be published today which abuse. will spark a fresh national debate about how child abuse

should be tackled. The Green Paper, to be anveiled by health minister Paul Boateng, will say that child prostitution should be targeted by social services and police, and it will raise the possibility of a national register for people suspected hut not

offences.

Family doctors will also be given fresh guidance to override their professional codes of patient confidentiality in order to alert social workers and the police where they are presented with evidence of child

Child deaths could also be looked at more closely as part of the review of child abuse in what amounts to the most comprehensive consultation exercise for years mounted by the Government to prevent harm to children.

The Green Paper does not rule out legislation, but seeks to reinforce the action already convicted of child abuse being taken by agencies to

tackle child abuse by improving co-ordination, the exchange of information, and issuing tougher guidelines to professionals in the front line. It says that investigating paedophile networks is complex. and time-consuming, and the time may have come to establish specialist teams of police and social workers to

investigate abuse. It points out that since the last major overhaul of the guidance in 1991, information about the nature of child abuse has increased substantially.

There were 967 cases over the past four years - an average of 242 cases a year - falling into three main categories: rit- that guidance issued since the unfair."

ual abuse, paedophile networks Department of Health docuand family abuse. Investigations looked into claims of occult abuse of children, but found little evidence for its existence.

The Green Paper says the Government recognises that organised abuse of children does occur sometimes within institutions such as residential homes or schools, involving child porcography and it has a "damaging and traumatic" effect on the victims.

It says that effective and clear procedures are needed for tackling organised child abuse and asks: "Is there a need for specialist teams?"

On family doctors, it says

ment Working Together in 1991 made clear that child abuse was one of the exceptional circumstances in which disclosure of information to agencies, such as social services, could be justified in order to safeguard

the interests of the child.

Greater emphasis is now being

placed on that guidance. Doctors have become increasingly uneasy about the expansion of their "policing" role. A BMA source said: "GPs are facing policing tasks being imposed on them. It is happening in a number of areas, from drinkers to drivers and now child abuse. They think it's

It raises difficult issues for bealth professionals in breaking a confidence about families for whom they have to provide health care. However, it is unlikely that GPs will wish to be seen refusing to help the community in which they live to stop child abuse. The need for better co-ordination between agencies has been underlined repeatedly in reports on successive child abuse scandals.

The professor at the centre of a controversial project involving the clandestine filming of child abuse by parents in hospital said in October that more help was needed from family doctors in alerting the authorities to abuse.

#### Boy hurt in sunroof horror

A TRIP for a Valentine's day gift almost ended in tragedy when a three-year-old boy was nearly choked to death by a car sunroof. The loddler's father left the boy and an 18-monthold baby strapped in the back of the car while he went into a florist's on Friday.

But when he returned to his car, at Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, he found his son trapped in the roof. The boy twice accidentally tripped the sunroof control switch - locking it against his neck and almost killing him.

But his father, who is trained in first aid, released his son, gave him the kiss of life and heart massage and eventually brought him round. He was described as being in a "comfortable" condition yesterday at Durham's Dryburn Hospital.

#### Call to scrap fraud juries

JURIES could be scrapped for complex fraud trials, under government proposals announced yesterday. The move follows a series of high-profile cases, such as the Blue Arrow trial, that have collapsed at huge expense. But John Wadham, director of civil liberties group Liberty, said: "The right to trial by jury is a fundamental part of our constitution and is the only democratic element in a criminal justice system."

#### Welsh Assembly site

THE battle to provide a home for the planned Welsh Assembly is now a two-horse race between Cardiff and Swansea, the Government said yesterday. The Weish Secretary, Ron Davies, said he had received 14 proposals from developers and 10 from local authorities, but confirmed that the two cities had emerged as the only realistic sites for the building.

#### Supermarket 'embargo'

The Irish government accused British supermarkets yesterday of operating an embargo on Irish beef sales in the UK worth £200m a year. The Republic's agriculture minister, Joe Walsh, made a formal protest in Brussels about British beef marketing tactics which he said were in breach of the EU treaty.

### Dome organisers send their First XI out to bat

Organisers of the Millennium Dome yesterday unveiled the line-up of celebrities and experts who will advise them on what should go inside the controversial exhibition. Members of the committee, dubbed the "Litmus Group". range from the children's entertainer Floella Benjamin and film producer Lord Puttnam to experts from the arts, sciences and hroad-

The team, known as the Creative Review Group, will be responsible for advising organisers on the "coherence, qualientertainment and educational potential" of plans for the structure. New Millennium Experience Company chief executive Jennie Page











Sounding the millennium with good advice: Michael Grade (left), Lord Rogers, Floella Benjamin and Lord Puttnam

we can call on the best in the business in terms of making sure

our creative ideas have genuine

popular appeal at the same said: "We are delighted that ... Private health cover

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time as intellectual hite." The group, whose members are unpaid, has so far met three times, and is expected to meet on a monthly basis until the Dome opens in 2000.

The team includes: ■ Floella Benjamin - children's TV presenter and actress. ■ Sir Neil Cossons - director of

the Science Museum. ■ Professor Christopher Frayling - rector, Royal College of Art.

■ Simon Jenkins - millennium commissioner and newspaper

sauds Group. ■ Lord Putinam - chairman of

Enigma Productions. ■ John Sorrell - chairman, the Design Council. ■ Lord Rogers - Dome archi-

■ Mike Davies - Millennium project director at the Richard Rogers Partnership. ■ Michael Grade - former head

of Channel Four, chairman of First Leisure Corporation. ■ Ruth Mackenzie - general director of Scottish Opera.

Mr Grade and Ms Mackenzie are also members of the Michael Jolly-chairman and NMEC board. Ms Page said the to broadcast the opening on 31 the money could be spent inchief executive of The Tus- group was an informal December 1999. The BBC is stead on a millennium hospital.

arrangement and more members were likely to be added. She said the team would be reviewing plans for all areas of the exhibition. Other experts are also being called in as "wit-

nesses" to advise on specific attractions or services. Among these will be the panel of children to give a young person's view. The BBC's Director of Television, Alan Yentob, is also being brought in to advise on the broadcasting potential of the opening night of the Dome and the year-long exhibition.

Plans so far are for the BBC

also working with the NMEC to create the Millennium Memory Bank of oral histories which will form one feature of the ex-Fears that BT was about to

withdraw £12m sponsorship

were dismissed yesterday by Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, who told the Commons prospects for private sector investment in the £750m project remained strong. He said he had spoken to Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT. who had said: "No, we are certainly not going to pull out." The reason why the company was not going to pull out, Mr Mandelson said, was because BT was not "a company of the old school, of the old Britain, unconfident and unambitious" but rather a "company of the future - confident and vibrant

like the new Britain". The question session produced so much criticism that Barry Sheerman, a Labour supporter of the scheme, later protested to the Speaker about the lack of balance in the questions asked. Among critics. Dennis Skinner asked whether "Heseltine's Folly" had passed the point of no return at which

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# Ban smoking in public, say asthma campaigners

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

SMOKING should be banned in all public places to protect the 17,000 children admitted each year to hospital because of the effects of other people's tobacco smoke, the National Asthma Campaign says today.

fected by passive smoking and in many the symptoms can he severe. In a new policy paper, the campaign says smoking should be banned not only in puhs and restaurants

hut anywhere where the public, especially children, may congregate including parks, open spaces and shopping centres as well as offices and buildings.

Helen Donohoe, author of the paper "No Smoke Without Asthma", said some effects of smoking - as a cause of lung cancer, for example - were slow to show up, Eight out of ten asthma sufferers are afimmediate. "Someone with asthma breathing in cigarette smoke is likely, minutes later, to have an asthma attack or breathing difficulties," she said.

pact their habit had. "Our position is that people with asthma should have the freedom and independence to take control of marathon runner, keeps his asthma well their lives. With passive smoking that control is lost."

Jane Tebbutt, a mother of three children with asthma, said they reached for their inhalers within 20 minutes of heing smoked over to comhat wheezing and tightness in the chest. "As a family our social life is dictated by whether the environment is hardening. An opinion poll conducted smoke-free or not. We very rarely go any-

he smoking."

David Cunningham, a 27-year-old I always have to ask for non-smoking areas when I go out. Whilst I can put up with smoke - I won't let it drive me out of a restaurant for example - it does make me uncomfortable."

last mouth among 1,200 adults found al-

Many smokers were unaware of the imwhere where there is a chance people will most two-thirds favoured a smoking ban in ters supported a ban on smoking in the

Last week, a survey of 500 young people aged 11-15, conducted for the Department of Health, found three-quarters favoured a ban on smoking in public places and wanted the legal age for buying cigarettes raised from 16 to 18. Nine-Public attitudes against smoking are ty six per cent said they did not consider smoking to be "cool" and 30 per cent considered it a killer and a health hazard. Yet

1 per cent at age 11 to 33 per cent at age 15. In addition to a ban on smoking in pub-

lic places, the National Asthma Campaign is calling for a han on all tobacco advertising, sponsorship and promotion, a campaign to highlight the risks of smoking in pregnancy and a rise in tax on tobacco to the maximum allowed under EU law.

A spokeswoman said: "People with asthma should have the right to breathe clean air. Without effective government action that will never happen.

### Briton stabbed to death on Kenya safari holiday

ficer was fatally stabbed in front of his wife as he grappled with two robbers white on safari in

Roy Chivers, 51, a former detective constable with the Metropolitan Police's Directo protect her husband from the torate of Intelligence, was vicious attack on Sunday. knifed in the chest as he struggled against two robbers stealing his cameras.

Mr Chivers, a father of two from Orpington, Kent, was visiting Kenya for the first time. He was on a two-week holiday with his wife, Sandra, 50, at the exclusive Aberdare Country Cluh, 140 miles north of the capital Nairobi.

He was attacked after refusing to hand over his video

Guests at the luxury safari camp found Mr Chivers covered

They were flown to Nairobi hospital where Mr Chivers suffered a cardiac arrest and died. Mrs Chivers also suffered a

cut to the hand as she struggled Scotland Yard said Mr

Chivers joined the Metropolitan Police in May 1966 when he was 19. In August 1979 he moved to the Directorate of Intelligence as a surveillance officer where he continued until he had completed his 30 years'

A senior colleague at Scotland Yard, Detective Inspector Sheridan sald: "Roy Chivers" death came as a great shock to everybody ... He will be greatly gether."

A RETIRED British police of- in blood being cradled by his home in Clay Wood Close, Orpington, family friend David Walters was comforting their children Steven, 20, and Helen,

> Mr Walters said: "The family are totally and utterly, utterly devastated. That is all I can say at the moment."

Mr Walters, hiruself a constable in the Met, was close to tears as he remembered the sense" when visiting Kenya. friend he had known for almost "He was just, you know, a

lovely bloke. We used to have family ... some taughs. He'd got a good sense of humour. We have heen on holiday with him. We have been friends

ago. The kids have grown up to-

Nairobi accompanied by Mrs Chivers' father, Norman, tast night, hut Steven was unable to travel because there were probtems with his passport.

"I don't know when they'll be coming back, the tickets are open-ended," he said.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office in London is warning tourists to use their "common

A spokesman said: "We are appalled by this senseless murder. Our thoughts are with the

"We would recommend that people take a common-sense approach when travelling to Kenya. Be aware when you are since we moved here 19 years in possession of valuables.

"However, we don't wish to single out Kenya as a particu-Mr Walters said Helen larly troublesome spot - we At Mr and Mrs Chivers' Chivers was intending to fly to don't want to panic people."

Holiday airline delays getting worse

By Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

The world may becoming a smaller place but the wait to get anywhere is getting worse. Those heading off to foreign climes, according to official figures released yesterday, face lengthening airport delays.

The Air Transport Users Council (AUC), which aims to look after passengers' interits, reported some charter airlines operated over 25 per cent of their summer 1997 flights more than an hour late Such delays were "unac-

ceptable" said Ian Hamer, the council's chairman, and he admonished poor-performing airlines - saying they must "do Of charter flights monitored

in summer 1997, 18 per cent were more than an hour late either arriving at or departing from nine UK airports. The av-



considerable addition to a flight which may only last a few hours.

What is worse is for travellers is the increasing length of delays. In the summer months of 1996. 16 per cent of flights were more than an hour late and the average delay was 35

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Only fractionally better were Airtours and Air 2000. More with just 5 per cent of flights than 20 per cent of their summer flights departed more than erage delays of 14 minutes. 60 minutes after their scheduled

2000 had a 39-minute average reduce delays compared with pared with 22 minutes summer 1996. the previous summer.

Rick Conley, chief executive erage delay was 38 minutes - a of Caledonian Airways - which carried 1.5 million passengers last year, said that "changes have been put in place since last year". The airline will also have an extra four aircraft to deal with the extra demand this

> The title of "worst-performing carrier" last summer went to Nordic European Air-

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badly were many household lines. Travellers faced an avernames. A quarter of Caledon- age delay of 86 minutes. More ian Airways flights ran an hour than one in three of its flights was more than an hour late.

Best performer was Pegasus more than one hour late and av-

The AUC says that the league tables encourage oper-Airtours' average delay was ators to improve performance. 46 minutes, compared with 39 Mr Hamer singled Monarch minutes in summer 1996. Air was one of the few carriers to

"Monarch has shown what airlines can do and we are now looking to those carriers that are propping up the bottom of the [dclays] table to improve their service to their passengers," he

The figures relate to statistics collected on flights at Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Birmingham, Edinhurgh, Glasgow, Luton, Manchester, and Newcastle airports.

#### Take a trip to sunny Afghanistan

AFGHANISTAN, the country at the top of the Foreign Office danger list, could soon be welcoming British tourists once more. A small adventure travel company has begun canvassing for clients for an "exploratory tour" of the strifetorn country. Consular staff at the Foreign Office have roundly condemned the move, but the organiser says the plan is simply responding to demand.

The tour is being proposed by Hinterland Travel, based in Surrey. Its director, Geoff Hann, has been running overland trips since 1969, initially catering for travellers on the hippic trail" to the East.

Mr Hann tast visited Afghanistan 15 years ago, after the Soviet invasion hut before the country's disintegration into civil war. He feels the time is now right to return. "I'm aching to go again. Last November I met a couple of Germans who had just come back. They had no problems at all."

The holiday is likely to last two weeks, entering the country overland from Pakistan instead of flying in to the capital, Kabul. It will use local transport rather than an overland vehicle. Mr Hann plans a group of around five people - "safety in numbers, hut not too large" but warms people he takes no responsibility for their welfare.

The Foreign Office yesterday condemned the plan as "foolhardy". British travellers should not visit Afghanistan under any circumstances, a spokesman said, and added: "The place is in a total state of anarchy."

revater works. Liping Lineng is clearly in a second to create a Japanese garden Photograph: Rui Xavier new production of Puccini's opera which will see the arena flooded to create a Japanese garden Photograph: Rui Xavier **Guidelines on unruly pupils** A little can mean

Water works: Liping Zhang rehearsing for the title role in Madam Butterfly at the Royal Albert Hall yesterday in a

By Judith Judd Education Editor

TEACHERS may push and pull pupils to stop them fighting or vandalising property hut they should only twist their arms and trip them up in exceptional cases.

Guidelines issued by the Government yesterday detail how teachers may use reasonable force to restrain pupils. They aim to end the helief by many teachers that even touching pupils may lead to legal ac-

tion. Instead, teachers are told they may use physical restraint not only if a pupil is likely to injure others but also if he or she refuses persistently to leave the classroom. Other examples of cases where teachers may use reasonable force include:

pupils who run along a corridor in a way likely to cause accidents;

serious disruptive behaviour pupils who are at risk because they try to run away from

al circumstances should teachers take action which might injure, such as slapping or punching, holding a pupil round the neck, twisting or forcing limbs against a joint, tripping up pupils or holding them by the hair. Usually, restraint would involve touching, holding, pushing, pulling, leading a pupil by the arm or leading them away by putting a hand in the centre of the back. But teachers should not try to tackle hig, hurly

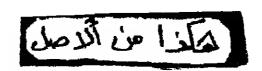
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#### THE BEST AND THE WORST

THE worst beaches were; Porthpean near St Austell in Comwall (52 items of rubbish per metre); Hoylake, Beach Road, on the top of the Wirral (27 per metre); Oxwich Bay in Swansea (23.64 items per metre): Jennycliff, near Plymouth, Devon (21.5 per metre) Stone jetty, at Morecambe, in Lancashire (21.13 per metre) and East Sands, North Queenslerry in Fife (20.2 per metre). The best beach was at Sennes Cove, the nearest beach to Land's End in Comwall, with 0.04 items of rubbish per metre. The second best beach was found at Sandways, Kingsand (0.08 per metre) which is on the other side of Plymouth from jennycliff the fourth worst beach. Third best was Waxham, north of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (0.08 items per metre), with Rhyl East in North Wales taking fourth place (0.10 per metre). Portmuck Harbour, at Lame, Co Antom in Northern Ireland was the fifth cleanest beach in the survey, with 0.10 pieces of rubbish per metre.



### Beaches drowning in sea of rubbish

By Rosa Prince

BRITAIN'S beaches are drowning under a sea of rubbish including condoms, syringes and sanitary products. Volunteers for the annual Beachwatch survey of Britain's beaches, run by Reader's Digest and the Marine Conservatioo Society, found an average of 1,482 pieces of waste per kilometre of beach; a 5 per cent dropped from boats. increase oo 1996.

At the worst beach, Porthpean in

area. Most of the rubbish was left behind by beachgoers who now make 10 million day-trips to the coast a year. Other waste came from shipping, fishing and sewage.

The litter had an international aspect with rubbisb from 16 countries found on the 210 beaches surveyed, presumably

Among the debris were an oveo cleaner from China, a carton of apple juice from Cornwall, an average of 52 items of rub- Poland and an energy drink from New formed the bulk of sanitary waste.

bish were found per metre of sand, in- Zealand. There were also fridges, a glass cluding 225 sanitary items in a 25-metre cye and medical waste including a drip feed loons, 478 shoes and 26 dead animals.

> Beachwatch '97 was carried out by nearly 2,500 voluoteers. Altogether they found 17,053 crisp and sweet packets, 8,064 drink cans and 8,124 cigarette stubs.

Medical and sanitary waste were a prominent feature. They included 215 syringes, 458 condoms and 16,467 cotton bud sticks. Cotton buds, which are too small to be filtered out during sewage treatment,

The volunteers also found 538 bal-More than 50 per cent of the litter was

plastic, Susannab Hickling, Reader's Digest environment editor, said: "Plastic alise is that it ends up bobbing on our seas plastic. and washed up oo our beaches - an appalling non-biodegradable legacy for future generations."

Samantha Pollard, conservation officer at the Marine Conservatioo Society, said:

"Ships must stop dumping overboard and individuals must not drop litter, or flush away plastic bathroom waste,"

Rubbish, particularly fishing lines and ropes can cause animals and birds to beis cheap to produce, easy to use and easy to throw away. But what people don't resound or choked by eating litter such as

Beachwatch '97 revealed that Wales had the dirtiest beaches in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland the best. Scotland and the Channel Islands were slightly

### **British pubs** 'turning into Disneyesque travesties'

TOO many pub-goers are being subjected to "Disneyesque travesties" of Irish and Vic-torian inns, according to judges of a scheme to find Britain's top drinking holes. In a savage attack on design standards, competition judges hit out yesterday at an overabundance of brass and hric-a-hrac brought in at the expense of quality and imagination.

They refused to award prizes in two categories of the English Heritage/Campaign for Real Ale Pub Design competition, Conservation and New-Build, saying standards were so low that none of the pubs warranted the accolade. Steven Parissien wrote in the judges' report: "A depressingly large proportion of the entries were bedecked with over-familiar heritage' paraphernalia - Disneyesque travesties straight oot of the catalogue rather than the back of the attic."

Dismissing them as "grotesque parodies" of pubs from the 1890s, he said most Victorian interiors were as 'authentic as Dick Van Dyke's cockney accent".

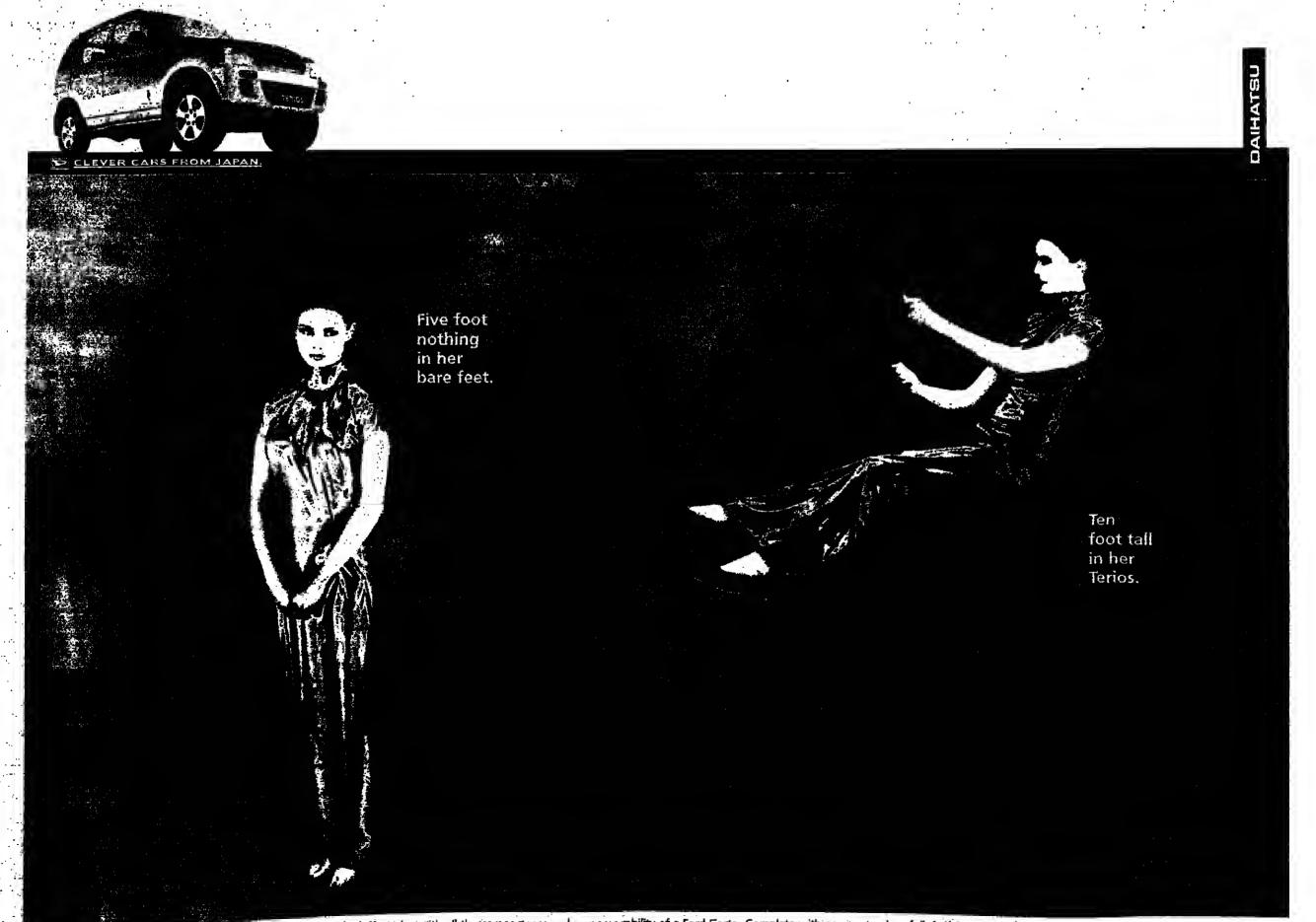
Much of the £10m spent on revamping pubs in 1997 appeared to have been wasted oo "heavy-handed" alterations to keep up with the latest marketing theme rather than celebrating the importance of individual buildings.

It is the first time in the competition's 10 year history that a winner has not beeo found for the Conservation award, although the New Build prize has been given out only

The judges said it was up to puh owners. managers and architects to raise standards, but also called on local authority planners to exercise greater control over renovations. However, it was not all bad news for drinkers. The Bread and Roses, Clapham, south London, run by the Workers Beer Company, won the Best Refurbishment Award for its transformation from a rundown community pub into a hostelry "with attitude" with no sign of "plagiarism, fakes and boring repetition".

The Conversion to Pub Use award went to Frazer's Bar in Edinburgh, boused in the former offices of the Royal Bank of Scotland, described as having an "art deco yet unmistakably cootemporary feel".

Judges said there was a treod towards converting banks to pubs or restaurants, as a oumber of banking chains sold off towncentre premises.



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### Hague's reforms jar with the faithful

Political Correspondent

WILLIAM Hague relauoched Tories had modernised more in ported them. the past eight mooths thao

But eveo as he declared server put it. Mr Hague emerged looking more like

an internal survey. Nor do they of local parties. like the idea of a national memof constituencies.

Announcing the changes yesterday, Mr Hague said: "These reforms are not just mine; they belong to the hundreds of thousands of party members from all over the country who have taken part in meetings and ballots hut docations over £5,000 and debates oo reform since last

ensure that a quarter of interviewees in candidate selections were womeo after they were opposed by members. Only his party yesterday, claiming the ooe-third of memhers sup-

Only 15 per ceot of associ-Labour had done in 18 years. ations strongly agreed with a programme of eocouragement "the most radical reforms since for womeo candidates, and 15 the time of Disraeli", there per ceot strongly supported the was oew evidence of dissect idea of a womeo's network. over the changes. As one ob- while more than one-third disagreed with it.

The oational membership Michael Foot than Tony Blair. database had more support, Constitueocy associations though only four in 10 strongare strongly opposed to plans for ly supported it. A new area a Conservative Women's Net- framework for the party was work, according to the results of supported strongly by one-third

Other major reforms anbership database, or a new area counced by Mr Hague includframework with smaller groups ed the eoding of foreign docations, which have formed a significant part of the Cooservatives' fuoding to the past. He added that he would comply with the recommendations of the Neill Committee which is currectly looking at the issue, would also be published.

For the first time, party mem-In fact, it became clear that bers will be given a chance to the party dropped plans to vote on policies for the oext gen-



Changing times: William Hague at yesterday's launch of The Fresh Future package, which he hopes will breathe new life into the Tory party

will also vote in a ballot on a single European curreccy though when this will happen has oot beeo decided. New party leaders will be elected by a ballot of members, though old leaders Parliament in future. will still only be unseated by a

vote among MPs.

be replaced by a single organisatioo, Conservative Future. The Conservative Womeo's more womeo are elected to

There will also be a man-The Young Conservatives, of members elected by a Conservative Studeots and national convention of mem-front of a purple backdrop, his tating the new Labour strate-

eral election in a ballot. They Conservative Graduates will all bers, and a new disciplinary reform document was titled panel to deal with cases of mis- The Fresh Future. cooduct by MPs.

In a move with stroog Network will aim to ensure that echoes of new Labour, Mr Hague descended a staircase in London's Atrium restaurant to the strains of "Spirit of the Fuagement board, with ooe-third ture" from "Millennium" by Richard Harvey, Delivered in

Some sections of the party remained unimpressed, though. Aidan Rankin, secretary of the newly-formed Conservative Democratic Movement, said the party was still oot listening enough to its members.

"Although the party is imi-

gy, in reality it is more like old Labour. There is still a 'them and us' atmosphere. It looks in many ways as if ooe member, one vote for the leader is an excuse to press conformity oo

tralise power," he said. The trade minister, Barbara Roche, claimed the Tories

the rest of the party and to cen-

### **Ministers** toughen rules on job cuts

By Barrie Clement Labour Editor

MINISTERS yesterday proposed much tougher redundancy laws which lawyers believe will lead management to "think twice" hefore getting rid of employees.

This summer new legislation is expected to introduce "clear rules" making it more difficult for companies to avoid consulting their workers io cases of "downsizing", or where an undertaking is transferred from

one employer to another.

Proposals tabled by Ian Mc-Cartney, the trade and industry minister, will also remove the ability of employers to "adjust the oumber and timing" of redundancies to get round the law. Mr McCartney inteods removing a threshold relieving employers of obligations where fewer than 20 job losses are planned within a 90-day period.

The minister will attempt to ensure that unions are part of the consultation process where they are recognised. Where there is no union, more stringent regulations are envisaged aimed at ensuring that employees' representatives are properly elected and independent.

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Mr McCartney proposes higher compensation for work-ers who have oot beeo properly informed of employers' plans. They will receive the equivalent of 90 days' pay (oearly 13 weeks) instead four weeks in many cases at the moment.

John McMullen, employment law partner at solicitors Pinseot Curtis, a leading firm which specialises in advising employers, said companies would have to bear in mind the cost of trimming the workforce after the new regulations, tabled to ensure Britain complies with Eoropean Unioo law, came into force. "It could make employers think twice about redundancies," he said.

John Monks, TUC geogral secretary, said the plans would give workers rights denied them

### Labour under attack över benefit changes and welfare-to-work plan

MINISTERS were under attack for stifling budding musicians. from two sides last night over plans to reform benefits and get

atioo records and a member of the ucemployed back to work. the Government's Creative In-

ecutive attacked the govern- ambitious young musicians to and Primal Scream singer Bob- said. McGee, who signed up with Ms Harman to accuse not coovinced. However, she meot's Welfare to Work scheme take jobs which would prevent by Gillespies Into jobs doing Oasis after discovering them in ministers of turning disabled refused to suspend the widerthem from pursuing their plumbing," he said. Alan McGee, head of Cre- musical goals, he said.

"You cannot be promoting this 'Cool Britannia' image that As a group of campaigners dustries Task Force, said the pro- the Government's promoting for the disabled met Harriet gramme was "incredibly naive" which is fair enough because it's Harman, the Secretary of State and was also unworkable for oever been better for 20 or 30 for Social Security, a Labour- people hoping to be musicians. years - and theo put the oext killing off people's spirit and we group, led by Lord Ashley of the Beoefits Totegrity Pro-

expect to gather in the accolades being handed out to Britain's revived entertainment industry reception last year. while wiping out the chances of the oext generation of stars. "It's wheo the all-party disability ment of their paymeous under that this government is making

The Government could not Labour Party £50,000 before last reviewing their benefits. year's geoeral election. He was also a guest at a Downing Street State reiterated assurances that

a Glasgow club, gave the people into militants by

Later there was more dissent oeed should fear the reassess-

scale review of welfare beoefits on which the Government has Although the Secretary of embarked, or to guarantee there would be no significant no disabled persoo in geouine cuts to disability beoefits. Lord Ashley said: "It seems ...

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Nicholas Schoon at the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Philadelphia on how natives use plant life against disease and predators



### Trance encounter for Amazon medicine man

Hallucinogenic drugs from the Amazon rainforest are also a powerful medicine against gut parasites, a leading "ethnobotanist" and biochemist told the meeting. They are prescribed by tribal medicine men for both spiritual and medicinal needs, with no clear dividing line between the two.

Professor Eloy Rodriguez of Cornell University, New York State, studies the ways in which several tribes and animal species in a small part of the Amazon jungle in Venezuela use plants. In a series of field trips, he and his researchers species which are used for purposes other than food - deterring parasites and predators, fighting disease and putting people into a trance. The scientists then try to identify the

which contain potent hallucinogens. One is a Passiflora or passion flower with large, beautiful red and yellow flowers, whose leaves are used to make a drink. The other is a legume called yopo which produces bean pods; native people grind the beans into a fine snuff then

Dr Rodriguez has tried them. "They have a very strong hallucinogenic effect but they're to keep pests off them, and eat also very strong purgatives. Jesus! I lost 10lb in weight."

The chemicals involved are beta carbolines. They are able to "knock out" nematode worms which infest native peoples, paralysing them so that the diarrhoea and vomiting also caused by the medicine purge them from the body. The worms depend on serotonin, the "happiness" chemical used to signal

He has studied two plants between nerve cells, from their hosts to function normally. The carboline blocks their ability to use serotonin.

Tropical plants and insects contain a vast number of "secondary chemicals" which are used to deter predators. Native people have learnt to use them for making dozens of different poisons and medicines. Mammals scrape their fur with the bark or leaves of certain plants others when they are sick.

Dr Rodriguez says he does not collaborate with Western drug firms prospecting for new materials because he believes native people will gain nothing. He says Indians must be encouraged to retain and spread their knowledge of the medicmal powers of local plants in their own countries, growing

### Army stockpiles anti-riot chemicals

**Ry Fran Abrams** Political Correspondent

BRITISH army chiefs are stockpiling a chemical 10 times scrutiny of its use. more potent than CS gas to use in riots, The Independent has discovered,

The revelation that CR might be used fired from a water cannon to disperse crowds in the UK has disturbed civil

volatile than CS and it causes sore eyes and hreathing difficulties. Although its effects are consent," he said. not thought to be lasting, it

Officials disclosed that they had CR in their stocks as part of Britain's declaration under the Chemical Weapons Convention, which has not been published despite an earlier pledge to do so.

They would not say, though, how long they had held the chemical, where it was kept or in what circumstances it would be used. Nor would they say whether the government also had stores of water cannon from which to fire it into

The police have said they do not keep CR, so it seems it would only be used in circumstances where the army was called in to support them against rioters.

CR, the full name of which is Dibenz-1:4-Oxazepine, has control agents, it has only renot been used in the British Isles before although scientists at the Porton Down defence search. research centre in Wiltshire are known to have experimented with it about 20 years ago.

Harry Cohen, the Labour MP for Leyton and Wanstead, plans to table a series of parliamentary questions to find by police forces to counteract

out more about the stockpile. "Why is it that the Ministry of Defence has a greater vari- after a trial period reported a ety of riot control agents than 6.8 per cent drop in assaults the civil police? I shall be demanding some answers," he

The civil rights group Liberty group.

By Ian Duhig

is also angered by the disclosure. It already campaigns against CS, saying there has been no consultation or parliamentary

Guidelines laid down by the Association of Chief Police Officers suggest CS should only be used by individual officers under attack, the group says.

John Wadham, Liberty's director, said neither CS nor CR should he used to control The chemical is more crowds. "We see it as part of a move towards policing by coercion rather than hy

> It does not seem that the ern Ireland. The Royal Ulster Constabulary, under whose umhrella the army acts in the province, said yesterday that it preferred plastic bullets.

> "They are a much preferred means of riot control in any circumstances. Water cannons and CS gas are indiscriminate while plastic baton rounds can he directed at a particular rioter," a spokesman said.

> Officials from the Department of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Defence would not say how much CS was held, where it was held or what plans there were for using it. Although the Conservatives

> promised to publish the Government's submission under the Chemical Weapons Convention, which includes riot leased the parts relating to old stocks and ongoing defensive re-

In a separate development, it has also emerged that the Ministry of Defence has let a £100,000 contract to scientists at Porton Down to research alternatives to CS gas.

The sprays are mainly used attacks on individual officers.

Figures released by ACPO against officers armed with the spray, but a 14 per cent drop in assaults against a control

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They hung like justice by the yew thicket And would I like a lucky foot?

### Voting in India's badlands

On the first day of the elections, Peter Popham

takes to the road I SET OFF yesterday morning

for the hadlands of Uttar Pradesh, with booth-capturing history-sheeters on my mind. Two hundred and twenty two of India's 545 constituen-

cies voted in the general election, including Delhi, and much of the north. In several nearby "historyconstituencies, sheeters" - people with a long history of being charged with crimes, or "charge-sheeted" as the Hinglish term has it - are standing for election.

Elsewhere, confirmed gangsters, kidnappers and murderers operate with the protection of MPs. One way such people influence election results is by "booth-capturing" - staging raids on polling stations, setting them on fire, seizing ballot papers, marking them for their favoured candidate and stuffing the boxes; even (as happened in Bihar state yesterday), strangling the polling officer.

polling stations staffed by 4.5 million election officials, so one's chances of stumbling upon something gruesomely irregular are slim. I tried to improve the odds by going first to Ghaziahad, a ramshackle city an hour east of Delhi, where trouble was expected.

At the entrance of a halfhuilt school, police with breechloading rifles looked on laconically as the citizens filed in. The procedure at an Indian polling station is as follows. You present yourself, preferably but not compulsorily armed with identification, at a table ginning to bear fruit. manned by supporters of your favoured party, who check your name on a list, cross it off and give you a slip. At another table, a non-partisan polling official takes the slip, checks your name a second time, hands over a ballot paper and puts a streak of indelible ink across the index fingernail to deter you from coming back for more.

How voters who are not known supporters of a particuwas not apparent, hut I was assured that it is possible. At would romp home.

Ghaziabad no boxes were on fire so I soon drove on. At the next polling station I visited all was not absolutely well.

Noida is another raw new town east of Delhi. As in Ghaziabad, politics and crime are closely interfolded here, with organised gangsters protected by political patrons and therefore strongly motivated to see that their patrons win.

Unlike Ghaziabad, security was genuinely tight here, traf-fic harred from entering the area, the press among the few exempt. Noida supposedly had 111 "supersensitive" polling stations where high security was in force. The one I visited was calm. But when I asked who was winning, the polling officer answered rather too quickly, The BJP by a mile!" and smirked. If a BJP partisan was in control of the polling station. no amount of police could prevent the election being rigged.

Saturday's series of explosions in the southern city of Coimbatore, in which 48 people died, many at a BJP campaign rally, raised fears that this election might be marred by an upsurge of Hindu versus Muslim communal violence. So far that has yet to happen. In Bi-But India has 900,000 har, where the polling officer was strangled, 12 other people died in polling day violence yesterday. And while there are four more polling days to come before counting hegins on 8 March, my third polling station of the day offered some tantalising suggestions.

Chandni Chowk is a constituency in the medieval city of Old Delhi, a predominantly Muslim place and one of only two constituencies in the capital not held by the BJP. But here it became apparent that the conciliatory line adopted during this campaign by the BJP towards Muslims is be-

With its roots in militant nationalism, the BJP has always been anathema to Muslims. But for the first time, judging hy the people I spoke to. Muslims are coming over to them in considerable numbers. One elderly Muslim man said without hesitation: "I voted BJP because they are doing a good joh, and they are trying hard to please us." India's Muslim minority about 150 million lar party get past the first table strong. If this trend were to be reflected nationwide, the BJP



A wheel from the China Airlines jet lying in front of a burnt-out building as firefighters search for survivors

### 200 die as Airbus ploughs into homes

By Stephen Vines in Hong Kong

MORE than 200 people are feared dead after a China Airlines Airbus 300 crashed on landing yesterday in Taiwan, The jet came down short of the runway at Chiang Kai-shek International Airport, near the capital Taipei, and ploughed on to the coastal highway, coming to a stop when it hit a number of buildings and exploded into a inferno.

The first victims were four adults and a baby travelling in a car which was hit by the aircraft. It then proceeded to destroy four huildings and hit

dozens of honses. Flight CI676, arriving from the Indonesian island of Bali, was carrying 182 passengers and 14 crew members, Rescuers worked through the night looking for surveyors. The first to be found was a fourmonth-old haby who later died in hospital.

Officials are not holding out much hope of finding other survivors from the crash. Bodies and body parts were strewn over the coastal highway and surrounding rice fields.

Among the passengers were the governor of Taiwan's central hank, Sheu Yuan-

head of the bank's foreign exchange department, Cyril Chen. They had been attending a central bankers' meeting discussing the Asian financial crisis. Taiwan has been playing a leading role assisting fellow Asian countries. Most of the other victims were thought to be tourists.

The cause of the crash is unknown. Last night, a China Airlines spokesman said that the company was awaiting further reports before making any comments. He confirmed that the pilot had told the control tower that visibility was bad

dong, and his wife and the and that he was making a second attempt to land. Visibility had been had earlier in the day hut had improved by nightfall when the plane came down. Contact was lost during the second attempt. The black hox, which may shed further light on the accident, has already been recovered.

Like most of China Airlines 'pilots both the captain and his deputy were ex-airforce flyers. The captain had been with the airline since 1991. The crashed plane is seven years old. It is part of China Airlines' fleet of 10 Airbuses. Exactly the same model was involved in Taiwan's

worst air disaster when a China Airlines Airbus 300 exploded at Japan's Nagoya airport in 1994, killing 263

Rescuers were on the scene within 10 minutes of the crash but had difficulty getting close to the plane and hurning huildings. Witnesses said that they heard an enormous explosion, followed hy a fire ball as the plane hit the huild-

China Airlines, the national flag carrier, which was recently privatised hut is still indirectly state controlled, has a relatively good safety record.

#### EU backs IMF deal

EUROPEAN Union governments unanimously backed an IMF threat yesterday to pull out of a \$43bn rescue package for Indonesia if President Suharto presses ahead with a plan to peg the rupiah to the dollar.

Jakarta's move would allow it to go on subsidising imports of rice milk and fuel and so avert further food riots. But the IMF and most western governments are opposed to IMF stand-by credits being used to back Indonesia's currency reserve. Without backing, a fixed exchange rate between the rupiah and the dollar would be "catastrophic", British officials said. - Katherine Butler, Brussels

#### **Quebec waits**

IN WHAT the chief justice calls Canada's most important legal case ever, Supreme Court must decide whether Quebec has the right to secede unilaterally and declare independence. The court opened hearings yesterday. If it rules that Quebec cannot secede without the rest of Canada's consent, there could be a hacklash in the mostly French-speaking

#### Bomb attack

ZIMBABWE'S only independent member of parliament said yesterday she was attacked by a petrol bomh on Saturday hut was not injured. Margaret Dongo said she suspected the bomb, thrown at a home in Chitungwiza, bordering Harare. was aimed at her by supporters of President Robert Mngahe's ruling Zanu-PF party. - Reuters, Harare

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A GUNMAN went on a killing spree and shot dead eight neighbours before being heaten to death by survivors in a village in Lithuania. Police said the man's motive was not known. - Reuters, Vilnius

TWO lions broke into a hut where seven members of an Ethiopian family were sleeping and ate them. The lions were scavenging in the drought-hit south of the country and had been terrorising residents before last week's fatal attack in Bale. — Reuters, Addis Ababa

### Chinese government backs down on expulsion of British aid worker from Tibet

By Teresa Poole in Peking

China has hacked down after forcing a British aid worker to leave Tihet. The Save the Children Fund (SCF) education expert has been told she will be allowed to return to Lhasa and the charity hopes she will be hack at her joh within weeks. It is unusual for China to change

its mind about expelling ganisations such as SCF, but a foreign resident.

When The Independent in December reported the refusal of officials in Tibet to renew the worker's residency papers, the European Union froze its planned 7.6m ecu (£5m) Panam development project for Tiber. The project is supposed to involve non-governmental or-

when its education expert was expelled the British charity said it would not be able to consider involvement in Panam.

Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the the European Commission, was in Peking yesterday for negotiations on China's attempts to join the World Trade Organisation, but his officials

will also be hriefed on the SCF saga. The EU is seeking confirmation that the new work permit has been granted and no similar problems will occur. Only then will moves be made to sign the Panam agreement. the EU's first bilateral aid project for Tibet. Few foreigners are hased full-time in Tihet

only expatriate staff member based in Lhasa sounded alarm bells among the aid community there. No reason was given after the woman was not allowed hack into Tibet after going on holiday in July. It seemed the Chinese had become wary of her simply because she had lived in Lhasa for three years and the expulsion of the SCF's and spoke reasonable Tibetan.

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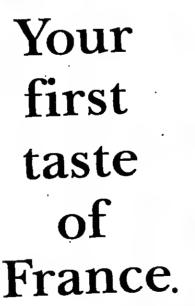


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Fighting talk: Anti-war protesters climb the fences at the Northwood HQ of Britain's Gulf rapid deployment force in west London

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### Annan prepares for last ditch trip to Baghdad

By Colin Brown Crief Political Correspondent

KOFI ANNAN, Secretary-General of the UN, is to launch a last gasp effort to avoid war in the Gulf with a mission to Baghdad to persuade Saddam Hussein to allow his presidential palaces to he opened to

arms inspectors. Mr Annan was holding consultations with the five permanent members of the Security Council in New York last night but senior sources in London indicated that he could go to Baghdad later this week.

Rohin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, made it clear Britain was "very supportive" but Downing Street emphasised that if the mission failed, Britain and the US remained ready to take action.

In spite of remarks by US defence chiefs last week that it would take another week to build up the military presence in the Gulf, senior British defence sources continued to raise the military tensions. "We are ready to go now," one said.

Mr Cook will use a debate in the Commons today to set out the reasons why the allies are preparing for military action. Foreign Office sources reissued details of intelligence

reports gathered from Hussein Kamil, a defector from Saddam's inner coterie, who disclosed as early as 1995 that the dictator was hiding vast quantities of material involved in the production of weapons of mass destruction.

"UNSCOM has evidence that several organisations including the Special Republican Guard, the Special Security Organisation, and the Intelligence Organisation, have been involved in the mechanism (of concealment)," said a Foreign Office report.

The Government motion supports the efforts to reach a diplomatic solution with Iraq but expresses its full support for the resolve of the Government to "use all necessary means to achieve an outcome consistent with UN resolutions".

Leading Labour dissidents were meeting last night over their tactics for opposing the Government in the debate; around ten are expected to abstain or vote against. The Labour MPs are also planning to lead a vigil in protest at the war outside Downing Street to-

Meanwhile, a poll today by Talk Radio will show that 80 per cent of people are against war

### Iraqi officers pay dear for West's coup fiasco

Saddam's intelligence service proved more than a match for a CIA and MI6 attempt to unseat him, reports Patrick Cockburn

EIGHTEEN months ago MI6 conducted a joint operation with the CIA to stage a military coup d'état in Baghdad. It was crushed by Saddam Hussein who executed up to 80 Iraqi officers and arrested hundreds of others, It is one of the higgest fiascos in the history of British foreign intelligence since the war.

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The coup attempt was organised through Amman, the capital of Jordan, and was to be carried out by the Iraqi National Accord led by Dr Iyad Mohammed Alawi, once a member of the ruling Iraqi Baath Party, who fled to London in 1971.

The aim of the conspirators was to recruit Iraqi army and intelligence officers. But the Iraqi National Accord had a wellriddled with double agents from Iraqi security. As the coup collapsed an Iraqi intelligence officer, in a final humiliating gesture, telephoned the CIA station chief in Jordan and told him to go home.

The extent of MI6's involvement in the failed conspiracy was revealed by the Los Angeles Times at the weekend in an article based on interviews with CIA officers critical of the lack of support from the White House for their efforts to overthrow Saddam Hussein. It confirms that "the CIA program [to stage a coup]. operated jointly with MI6, the British intelligence service, was hased in Jordan, using a front organisation called the Iraqi

National Accord". Despite its dubious reputation among Iraqis, the Accord was favoured not only by MI6,

but by the London station of the overthrow Saddam Hussein, Saddam Hussein as he passed CIA, according to former agency officials. London, a centre for Iraqi exiles, was also a fertile recruiting ground for former members of Iraq's military and political élite whom the Accord wanted to attract. There is an element of farce

in the attempts by Western intelligence to overthrow the Iraqi government. At one moment the FB1 was called in by the acting head of the CIA to investigate his own agents for attempting to assassinate Saddam Hussein (the assassination of foreign leaders being illegal under United States law). And Washington were up to in Iraqi Kurdistan because the NSA, its code-breakers, had intercepted a message from Iranian intelligence officers to Tehran explaining what the CIA was doing.

From the moment President George Bush signed a finding in May 1991 telling the CIA to

pleted two years in the post.

some of the agency's most experienced officers were dubious about their chances. Frank Anderson, the head of the CIA's Near East Division, told ABC television: "We didn't have a single mechanism or combination of mechanisms with which I could create a plan to get rid of

Saddam at the time." At first the CIA operated through an umbrella organisation called the Iraqi National Congress led by Ahmed Chalabi, a former banker, based in Iraq's three Kurdish provinces from which the Iraqi army had withdrawn. He wanted to build in alliance with the Kurdish factions, would begin to fight the Iraqi army, recruiting men through desertions and mutiny.

Separately, General Wafiq al-Samarra'i, the former head of Iraqi military intelligence, who joined the opposition in 1994, had a plan to assassinate

over a bridge in his home town of Samarra. Both the military offensive and the assassination hid were supported by the leader of the CIA team in Kurdistan, codenamed "Boh". It is a matter of dispute how much Washington knew.

"Boh" and Mr Chalabi decided the latter should tell Iranian intelligence officials what was going on - it was boped they would cooperate in an attack on Iraqi government forces in south Iraq. He did so. But when they reported back to their headquarters their message was intercepted by the National Secode-breaking organisation. informed in this roundabout way about what was happening Tony Lake, the National Security Adviser, sent a message to the CIA team in Kurdistan saying that it did not support the assassination or a military attack

on the Iraqi leader. It is at this point that MI6 and the London station of the CIA developed an alternative strategy by producing the Iraqi National Accord. Brigadier Adnan Nuri, one of its leaders, was already on the CIA payroll. Through him the CIA was authorised by the White House to fund the Accord in a campaign of planting bombs in Iraq. Much is known of this because Abu Amneh al-Khadami, its chief bomb-maker, made a video, seen by The Independent, denouncing Brigadier Nuri as an Iraqi agent.

of Arab states where Britain still The new American and British strategy was to foment had significant influence. Disaster followed swiftly. a military coup in Baghdad. General Hussein Kamel, the son-in-law of Saddam Hussein, fled Iraq for Jordan in 1995. The regime in Baghdad looked vulnerable. King Hussein, once close to Iraq, was turning

against his old ally. British par-

ticipation would be important

because Dr Alawi and the Ac-

cord were based in London and

Jordan was one of the handful

In January 1996 American, British, Jordanian and Saudi intelligence officers met in Saudi Arahia to coordinate plans. Dr Alawi moved to Amman. He also began to give interviews broadcasting his intentions. He emphasised that he wanted a coup not a revolution.

Saddam struck before he did. In late June and early July news began to filter out of Iraq of the arrests of 160 military officers, including 12 from the élite Republican Guard and three from the Special Republican Guard which protects the Iraqi leader himself.

Going by the execution lists, the conspiracy against Saddam Hussein had some serious recruits. Among those to die were Staff Colonel Khamis Hadi Ni'mah, commander of the 6th Brigade of the Presi-

dential Guards Division, Brigadier General Ja'afar al-Tayyar, director of training at the Defence Ministry, and many junior and middle-grade officers. A hero of the Iran-Iraq war, General Tali Ruhayyim al-Duri, fled to Turkey.

The failure of the CIA and M16 against Saddam Hussein in 1996 marked a turning point in his fortunes. In August he dared send his tanks back into Kurdistan. A year later he felt strong enough to challenge the UN weapons inspectors and provoke the present crisis.

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### Saddam said to fear mutiny by army

MOSSAD BUNGLER KEEPS JOB

A COMMISSION investigating the botched assassination of a Harnas

official in Amman last September by Israel's Mossad Intelligence

service found the operation "fundamentally flawed", but refrained

from blaming Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or recommending him to sack General Danny Yatom, Mossad's boss, Jordan Is boy-

cotting all cooperation with Mossad for as long as General Yatom

remains at its head. King Hussein is reported to be furious that

Israel has not ruled out attacks on Jordanian soil in the future.

The Mossad operations chief has already resigned. Inspired leaks

from the Prime Minister's office suggest that General Yatom will

be allowed to fall on his in sword six months after he has com-

By Jan Burrell

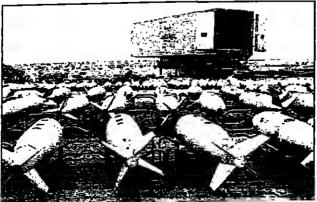
Senior British military sources suggested vesterday that President Saddam Hussein was deeply worried about the possibility of a revolt in Iraq and that his army was suffering from a crisis in morale.

Drawing on the latest intelligence reports, military chiefs said that President Saddam had despatched units from his elite Republican Guard to cities in the Shia Muslim heartlands of southern Iraq to quell possible outbreaks of unrest. They said that the officer

corps in the Iraqi army was becoming "increasingly politicised and that the President was relying more heavily than ever on an inner circle of semor officers from his home region of Tikrit.

"Quite clearly Saddam is worried about the security of the regime," said a senior source. "He is worried about uprisings. Morale is bad within his army and some of his closest circle are unhappy."

Latest intelligence estimates on Iraq's military strength show



its fighting capability has diminished considerably since the conflict of 1990-91. The Iraqi army currently consists of some 400,000 troops with 2,200 tanks, approximately half the size of President Saddam's army in the last Gulf war.

Intelligence suggests that President Saddam has 10 longrange Scud-type al-Hussein missiles, which have a range of up to 372 miles. Iraq's anti-aircraft defences have been reconstructed but are regarded as "less comprehensive" than seven years ago. The Iraqi air force is estimated at some 300 combat aircraft, though sources said they were unlikely to be risked against the superior allied airpower but would beprotected to maintain Iraq's comparative air strength in the

---- Enc Silver in Jerusalem

Crucially, military chiefs who said that British forces in the Gulf were now "ready to go" - do not believe that Iraq would be willing to deploy chemical and hiological weapons against the allies.

"That would very clearly show the whole world that they have been making these things and [Saddam] has denied this

Bombs for chemical war awaiting destruction in the last Gulf war, a picture the MoD released yesterday

consistently since before the first Gulf war," said the source. "He is also unsure what would happen ... what the American response would be." Nevertheless, it was re-

vealed that the Ministry of Defence has sent supplies of vaccines, designed to combat chemical and hiological attacks, to the Gulf to be distributed to British forces if

Military chiefs believe that Iraq has produced warheads ca-

programme, including evidence that it had attempted to develop tularemia, described as a

pable of delivering chemical weapons, in particular mus-They also gave more details of the Iraqi biological weapons

weaponised rodent disease, 30 times more deadly than anthrax. One source said: "[Saddam's] story could be a very chilling one, because he has some quite

### Blair to address French Assembly

By John Lichfield in Paris

THE PRIME Minister will become the first British politician ever to address the Freoch National Assembly oext month.

Mr Blair is expected to make at least part of the speech in French. If so, he will not be the first British Prime Minister to make a formal speech in France in French but he may be the first to do it well.

Those who have tried it before, with limited success, include Winston Churchill, Edward Heath and most recently, a heavily coached Margaret Thatcher at the opening of the Channel Tunnel works.

The French public has been astonished by the Prime Minister's command of their language in the brief television interviews he has given since be came to office last year. Mr Blair worked in France as a studeot and has spent several receot family holidays in the South-west of the country.

Although no final decision has been taken, officials io the French Parliament say they understand Mr Blair hopes to give part or all of his speech in

A date for the visit has yet to be finalised but it likely to be

around 24 March. Mr Blair will be only the fifth foreign head of state or government ever to address the National Assembly, the lower house of the French Parliament. His predecessors are King Juan Carlos of Spain, President Bill Clintoo, King Hassan R of Morocco and the Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi. All but President

Clintoo spoke in French. This is a very new tradition for the assembly," said an official at the French Parliament yesterday. "No previous British ed because, until the last few years, we never invited heads of state or government to address us in this way."

The formal invitation to Mr Blair came from the former French Socialist Premier, Laurent Fabrus, who is now president of the assembly-something between the Speaker of the Commons and the Speaker of the US House of Representatives. The visit to Paris is also expected to include informal talks with the Socialist Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, and the President Jacques Chirac.

Relations between Britain and France have been a little strained in recent weeks by the divergent approaches takeo to the lrag crisis. There have also been tensions oo European issues, especially the exact nature of Britain's non-playing relationship with the countries who will join the Single European Currency next year.

Mr Blair and "Le Blairisme" retain a mostly positive image in France. The British Prime Minister is a favourite with French centre-right politicians and oewspapers, if only as a stick with which to beat Mr Jospin and his more traditional approach to centre left politics.

In the last few weeks, bowever, there has been a re-examination of the adulation of Mr Blair. The left of centre news magazine Marianne devoted a column yesterday to Mr Blair's reported decision to block the House of Lords' attempt to end the Rupert Murdoch-inspired oewspaper price war in

Marianne cootrasted Mr Blair's "moralising" approach to politics with what it took to be his cynical decision to retain the support of the Sun



A Bosnian Muslim woman holds a photo of her son at a demonstration in Sarajevo yesterday demanding action over the missing Photograph: AP

### Right wing admits conspiracy against Gonzalez

By Elizabeth Nash in Madrid

The former Spanish prime minister Felipe Gonzalez was oot being paranoid when he said murky forces were out to get him. A leading right-wing commentator admits he and a clutch of disaffected journalists plotted to oust the Socialist leader after his fourth election victory in 1993, even at the cost of threateoing Spain's young

"It was an assault operation," says Luis Maria Anson, former editor of the conservative ABC newspaper, now Spain's head of a Mexican media company, Televisa. "Felipe Gonzalez was a man of such extraordinary po-



Gonzalez: Said that dark forces were out to get him

break him." Mr Anson's remarks in today's Tiempo news magazine, trailed in El Pals newspaper, appear to vindilitical power and skill that it was cate what Mr Gonzalez and his oecessary to go to the limit and supporters claimed throughput the state at risk in order to out his last term in office: that

his opponents, dismayed when the time, to provoke the abdielections narrowly cheated the conservatives of an expected victory, resorted to a strategy of increasing oational tension to achieve his downfall.

Mr Anson's words have reignited a polemic that has rent Spain's chattering classes in recent years, has permeated every media outfit in the country and in which there is now no neutral ground.

Mr Gonzalez said that Mr Anson had revealed a "small part ... of a concerted effort to play dirty", and called upon him to tell the whole truth. "[Mr Anson] knows that the conspirators' plans were much more ambifious" than to replace Mr Gonzalez with a conservative government. This is taken to refer to supposed plans, aired at

cation of King Juan Carlos and the establishment of a republic.

Mr Anson says that after the Socialists' narrow victory in 1993 a group of prominent radio, television and print journalists met regularly in his office to plan ways of "raising the threshold of criticism ... by probing the world of irregularities, of corruption." These efforts "reached such extremes that they frequently oudged

the stability of the state." In the Tiempo interview Mr Anson admits "Mr Gonzalez was right when he denounced the threat ... but it was the only way to get him out. Not just because of possible abuses be had committed, if be had, but because of the risk there would never be an alternative gov-

ernment." Mr Ansoo recalled: "I didn't like sending my reporters on the road with Gonzalez because they would start off criticos and end up Felip-

"I myself avoided meeting

him ... I couldn't forget coming out of our conversations thinking: Why must I criticise someone so agreeable, seductive and interesting?" Among those named by Mr

Anson is Pedro Ramirez, editor of El Mundo oewspaper, which yesterday accused the Socialists of being the real conspirators.

They set up the undercover anti-Eta death-squads, the Gal, which killed more than 20 Basques in the early 1980s, then tried to cover up the truth | al embargo severs the Northern and escape the punishment | economy from the rest of the they deserve, El Mundo said.

### Cyprus divide narrows after poll

By Rupert Cornwell

THE WEEKEND re-election of outgoing President Glavkos Clerides signals an intensified effort for a Cyprus settlement - amid hints of a more conciliatory line from Rauf Denktash, the hitherto intransigent leader of the Turkish Cypriots.

As expected. Mr Clerides' victory was paper-thin. The final results of Sunday's runoff gave him 50.8 per ceot of the vote, compared with 49.2 per cent for George lakovou, the former foreign minister, who was promising fresh ideas to heal the division of the island, split along ethnic lines since the Turkish invasion of northern

Cyprus in July 1974. The task facing him is huge - involving oot only the search for a settlement with the Turks, but also Cyprus' entry negotiations into the European Union. "Now we need to get down to work," Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary said last night.

Alas, far from providing a catalyst for a settlemeot, the EU issue threatens to divide the communities further, with Mr Denktash insisting that the internationally-recognised Greek Cypriot government bas no right to oegotiate on behalf of the Turks.

Yesterday however the Turkish Cypriot leader seemed to vield some ground. Instead of demanding full recognition for his self-styled Turkish Republic of North Cyprus, he simply called for "direct talks" between "two peoples who have been ruling themselves separately".

Even assuming a genuine desire to create a single bizonal state, the gulf between the sides remains ecormous. But Mr Denktash must contend with the appeal of the ecocomic benefits of EU membership to many of his compatriots. That yearning bas increased all the more as Turkey's own problems bave deepened, and an internation-

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Why settle for Michelin stars when you can have a restaurant empire? Vanessa Thorpe talks to the new culinary kings

Every day Jean Christophe Novelli clambers aboard his moped, checks his mirror and speeds across London to call in, one by one, on each of his four restaurants.

"I have a need to be crazy," says the chef. "I am hyper. I am condemoed to be like that. In one day I start at Novelli W8 and theo I go to Les Saveurs in Mayfair and then I go m 10 minutes to Maison Novelb in Clerkenwell and then I go to the Novelli EC1 and then to cook at Les Saveurs and then I go back to EC1. And about once a month I go to my restaurant in Cape

With his speedy bike, Novelli, well known for being at the cutting edge of food fashions, is now the most extreme example of the one of the most notable trends in cooking. Many of Britain's most famous chefs are no longer happy with one restaurant in which to display all their creative skills. Now they want to brand themselves with a series of eateries.

Celebrity chefs such as Antony Worrall Thompson, Marco Pierre White and Raymond Blanc eojoy so much acclaim that they are able to huild up gastronomic empires at the drop of a bain-marie.

Soon it will be impossible, even at the very best restaurants, to know for sure that a genius - rather than a hired uoderling has overseen the arrangement of the crescent of wild mushrooms on your plate.

The expansionist trend hecame firmly established in London last summer wheo Michelin-starred Marco Pierre White accepted an astonishing seven botel-restaurant deal to crown his stewardship of Quo Vadis and The Criterion. Since then his hid for domination of the capital has been challenged by the 36-year-old Novelli and, on Room in Reigate, Surrey, warns that an a smaller scale, by Alastair Little and

Dashing a few miles between different London venues might just be possible, but the chefs are now hranching out to such an extent that they are opening restaurants in their name hundreds and even thousands of miles apart. Novelli, for instance, has another in Normandy and even one in South Africa, while Raymond Blanc has just opened a hranch in Cheltenham.

The trend has appalled die-hard traditionalist chefs, and foodies too, who fear that quality can only be diluted by such franchising. Gourmets are wondering what can be happening to haute cuisine when one of the masters, Raymond Blanc - the man behind the legendary Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons in Great Milton, Oxfordshire – is bappy to become a hrand name.

One critic of the trend, the television chef Anthony Tobin, who runs The Dining foodies expected to be seduced in this way.



Jean Christophe Novelli: 'I have a need to be crazy. I am hyper. I am condemned to be like that'

Photograph: Tom Pilston

eminent presence in the kitchen of a top restaurant is part of "a tacit bargain made with the patrons".

But in these days of the chef-as-showbizstar, the crowds seem to love expansion. Take Blanc's opening of le Petit Blanc in Cheltenham. Four teenage schoolgirls from a nearby convent slipped out of their building, jumped over the wall and ran straight into town to attend the ritzy launch party for Blanc's £850,000 establishment.

That was one evening when you could guarantee Blanc would be in attendance. These girls were amazing, so determined," he recalls. "The whole launch was absolutely amazing, in fact, especially when you think this place is supposed to be full of retired generals. We were packed out with people who love food."

Blanc was the last man that hard-line

"You can hardly accuse me of being imperialist," Blanc protests. "I have had many, many opportunities, but until now I bave refused them categorically. For 14 years I have resisted all sorts of temptations. I knew that if I left the kitchen I would lose my heart, my core."

He insists that the recent birth of his two Le Petit Blanc brasseries, the first in the centre of Oxford last June, is a different thing altogether. "We don't intend to do a chain. It would be too boring. We just ant them to be the best of their type."

Yet Blanc will admit that he is keeping an eye open for other suitable sites for the hrasserie project, which is a joint venture with Richard Branson and Forte.

"We are being much more husinesslike than ever before. When I opened another restaurant in Oxford 10 years ago I bad a glorious kind of failure. We became much too good," he says, with customary cheflike modesty. "This time we will simply offer quality and value and I will stay in my kitchen at Le Manoir."

This means that visitors to all future Petit Blancs will be paying for the Blanc concept rather than for any direct involvement from the great man himself.

Jean Christophe Novelli, whose venues have all opened up within the past two years, says he knows that becoming bigger is making him more vulnerable to criticism about the lowering of standards. His salvation, he believes, is in the hands of his staff.

"I know how far I can push. You can feel the potential of your business according to your staff. They are the most important part of the husiness. I cannot fail with

On a Friday night at his formal and discreet restaurant, Les Saveurs, in Mayfair's Curzon Street, some cracks in the Gallic vencer are evident. The wrong first course an empty Italian restaurant. is brought to one table, while the correct dishes - of trout tartare and a terrine - take

at least three quarters of an bour to ap-

"Of course, it is impossible to be there all the time," says Novelli, "but I remember one American woman actually tried to . sue The Castle at Taumton a few years back, because Gary Rhodes was not there on the Sunday night she visited".

Anthony Tobin argues that the tension between quality and expansion will always be there for a prestigious chef. "They are generally very poor people and, of course, there comes a time when they want to make money. And if they are fair to people, and if they are good, it will work."

Tobin has decided to stick with his own Reigate kitchen but, at the same time, to help run a chain of Italian restaurants with an entirely different cuisine to his own. "After all," he explains, "you never see

There are still a few purists left though, wbo, like Tobin's mentor Nico Ladenis, have stuck to their stoves and stayed in the kitchen. Sally Clarke, of Clarke's in Kensington, is one such, although she suggests that it is all really a question of temperament.

"It is a team effort, but at the end of the day it should be down to me to get it right. It is my fault when we win and my fault when we fail."

After 13 years she has learnt to put Clarke's before everything else. "I know some people like Marco Pierre White, or Alastair Little, choose to spread themselves a little thinner. I guess it is just my problem that I want to be here to watch everything," she says.

Perhaps Raymond Blanc should heed his own words: "Chefs today only talk about how many guests they have and how many places they have. It is very dangerous because there have to be some parameters. A restaurant should be about

### 'Meeting Mandela was the moment everything clicked together'

#### REVELATIONS

The time: 1990 The place: Wembley Stadium The man: Jim Kerr of Simple

I grew up in the south side of Glasgow at the beginning of the industrial decline. The writing was on the wall. Shipyards were closing and there was a feeling of fading glory; outside of London we had been the Empire's second biggest city, so I was surrounded by all the symbols of Glasgow's magnificent past. It was a much more naive

time than now - no heroin -

hetween the people who hrought me up. So it's hard not to look back with rose-tinted glasses, but there was a real feeling of community, and values: the world begins at the bottom of your street, it doesn't end there. As it was a major port, lots of people had travelled, and we were huilding ships that would sail all over the world. It was fed down to us. I learnt that what goes on elsewhere in the world does matter; you can protest and make an impact. My grandfather would tell me wonderful stories about India and South Africa, and his time in the forces fighting in the Second World War. Not surprisingly, my favourite times at sthool were when we did a project on faraway places such as the Amazon and I was transported away from the life I knew. My father worked on the sites, but he was a voracious reader, so his head travelled. He rebelled against what was meant

to be your lot in Glasgow. It was travelling that helped

me gain a conviction for Simple Minds. My musical partner, Charlie Burchill, and I went hitch-hiking from Glasgow to London to see the Sex Pistols play. We'd heard about a new kind of music and we wanted to check it out. I remember waiting at Newport Pagnell for another lift, and it was the first time I had seen anybody of West Indian descent. I was consumed by the foreignness of everything. It all seemed so exotic to me - even the motorway service stations. I just wanted to stop and stare.

In fact we bypassed the conand there was a lot of love about cert altogether. The lifts weot so well, we ended up three weeks later in a train station in Milan! Every time we crossed a border, I felt a sense of exhilaration. Up until then we had just sat around talking about forming a band, but the euphoria of this trip pushed us over the edge.

Charlie and I had bonded; with two people you can have your own little revolution and not accept your lot. Individually you can feel mad, but as a couple, the odds of both of you being fruitcakes lengthens. I needed to have a stab at expressing myself, even though 1 wasn't sure what to say. However, if you stick out your thumbs and go wherever the lift takes you it is amazing what can

On a second hitching trip to London, we visited about eight record companies. With all the marble and chandeliers in some of the offices, we felt uncomfortable just leaving our demo tapes with the receptionists. On the way back we saw Bob Dy-



Photograph: John Voos

lan play to 100,000 people which gave us plenty of inspiration. By the time our thumbs got us home, four companies had got in touch. Timing and luck, as in hitch-hiking, were allimportant. The record companies had been so stung by some awful punk bands and a lack of melody that they were hungry for something new. We signed with Arista records, which had a hallowed huilding in Park Lane - this time we came down in luxury on the sleeper train. We were so keen, we stood outside on the pavement waiting

for the offices to open. For a while, the excitement of the journey and our growing self-confidence were enough. However, after achieving global success with Once Upon a Time, I had a hollow feeling. ] had just sold 12 million copies of one album, and I was still thinking there had to be more to it than this. CNN and Oprah Winfrey invited us on to their shows: the world wanted to talk to me. Going on to Goo Moming America, it suddenly dawned on me: all those millions of people listening - but do I bave anything meaningful to say?

Midway through the show

the interviewer asked me who my heroes were outside of music. My reply was Nelson Mandela. At the time he was still in prison in South Africa, and I found myself on an antiapartheid crusade before really thinking about it. My graodfather's stories came flooding back, of the beauty of Cape Town, but also how awfully they treated the hlacks. I didn't think I had the answers - God forbid - but at least 1 had the questions. Simple Minds didn't leap on to a bandwagon; it was something inherent in us and in our music. We were fundamental to making the "Free Nelson Mandela" concert hapnen, as they needed a bigname stadium act to headline. Our Mandela Day became the flagship song for the event. It was hard to write because he re-

ally was the man in the iron

mask; there was only one picture, which was 25 years old, and beyond that - nothing.

Following his release and a concert to celebrate his birthday at Wemhley Stadium, I finally had a chance to meet Nelson Mandela. It was the Both musically and physically most incredible experience. He was very playful, which made everybody relax, and he asked me about Glasgow. It was such an easy-going atmosphere, but he said something that I always carry with me: "When there was no voice allowed in Sontb Africa, we could always somehow hear the voice of the artists, which gave us sustenance." It was a fantastically encouraging thing to say.

The biggest battle I have is with the cynic inside which says: what's the point, who cares? What will you achieve in the long term if you write a song or not? If there's a bad concert review, the next night there are thousand of people shouting for more, and it cleanses you. I can cope with everybody else's negativity, but uotil I met Nelson Mandela there was no hidingplace when I gave myself a hard

time at two in the morning. He is so right. Artists are always at the forefront of the trouble-makers - look at the Chinese authorities, and their fear that four poets oo the Internet will bring down the country. I had a wonderful example of the impact of our music when I met a girl in the lobby of a French hotel who had started a fan cluh, and because of the idealism in our songs they have created a little orphanage in Bosnia. Meeting Nelsoo Mandela was a revelation, the moment when everything clicked together.

In June we will be playing

again to Nelson Mandela, in front of a vast concert during the World Cup to promote anti-racism. It is still an important cause for us; to this day if I see somebody humiliated it makes me feel physically ill.

I'm still on a journey. These

be the latest thing but not old enough to be a legend. It will probably take a couple more vears before we come back into fashion, hut I don't care. To a degree we're still making up Simple Minds as we go

days Simple Minds are in an along we've still standing on the ugly duckling stage - too old to music superhighway with our

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### Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a Gormley of barrier - like the gate that comes down

at a level crossing when a train is due.

ly menacing. It's a contradictory sculp-

ture, at once firmly grounded but also

aspiring heaveoward. Is it neutral or an-

guished? (Gormley generally does a good line in anguish.) The Angel is iso-

lated. Eveo suppose it could come down

from its hilltop, its wings are too wide

to go through the door if you invited it

home. It is, in fact, the perfect stuff of

legend. Perhaps, like the Cerne Abbas

#### Andrew Lambirth looks on as Gateshead's 'Angel' finally takes wing

What is the purpose of public art? To please people or arouse controversy? Antony Gormley's Angel of the North rears against the skyline of Gateshead like a crucifizion. What does it represent? Sited atop an extinct colliery, it is intended to symbolise the glories of Britain's industrial past and hope for its

future, hut does it really dn this? Gormley has said of an earlier version of the piece, entitled A Case for an Angel, that he didn't want it to be symbolic. "I want the work to be as actual as it can be, which is why my version of an angel is a rather uncomfortable mixture between aeronautics and anatomy."

Indeed, this great winged figure looks more like an aeroplane than an angel. From a distance, it appears remarkably modest, though it stands 65ft tall, with

er blocks is too close for comfort. Seen from its foot, looking up, the sheer bulk strikes home, coupled with an elegance of outline - the profile is meltingly sinuous. But of course it is the scale that principally engages. Gormley's body-case sculptures, of which the Angel is a gigantic version, are cast from his own body. This might he thought faintly hlasphemous when the sculpture is supposed to depict an angelic. being, but oo more so than a Renaissance

a wingspan of 175ft. From the train, a

view of it is impeded until you are almost

on tup of it. From the road, it looks far

more speciacular, though a clump of tow-

comfort, but to confront existence. in Britain before. Brancusi's Endless Column in Romania stands 96ft high but it doesn't have the mass of the Angel. Yet why did Gormley make the wings so huge? If the figure didn't look so balanced, you'd think they were out of proportion to the body. They act as a kind

artist painting his girlfriend as the Virgin Mary. Gormley creates a challenging image that is not intended to bring Nothing on this scale has been built

giant, it will inspire pilgrimages – but for those seeking enlightenment, rather Perhaps the Angel best signifies the than fertility. cultural renaissance currently emerging nn Tyneside - Gateshead's Baltic fluur mills are about to be transformed inth a £46m international centre for contemporary visual art, with a Norman Foster concert hall complex adjacent. If the main point is to attract attention to the area and to engage people in debate, the Angel will be a great success.

# It would all come out in the wash

Photograph: David Rose

That Marthe, she was never out of the bath. It's a wonder that Pierre ever got a look in. But when he did, writes Tom Lubbock, he gave a unique view of a marriage at work

Look, no harps: Antony Gurmley's 'Angel' spreads its wings over the Al

There's a statue of a faithful dog with Marthe sprawled naked, in Edinhurgh, but the human heroes of private life get few munuments, What could we across a comparable image in have: the tomh of the unknown someone's photo album, how hubby? Well, there's Oprah you'd think "I probably wasn't Winfrey et al, offering a hrief pedestal to personal strugglers. But generally our heroes of heart and home are drawn from fiction and the already famous. Ooe of the main reasons we have novels, soap-operas, tabloids, biographies is to provide such exemplary lovers. couples and families, and the lives of poets are often very good material: the Brownings, Oscar and Bosie, Tom and Viv. Sylvia and Ted, Larkin too (the emblem of a certain kind of sin gle life). And then, from the lives of the artists, there's Pierre and Marthe. The relationship of Pierre

Bonnard and Marthe de bedronm scenes after the earcurious art-life cruss-over. It isn't a hin-

graphical extra to Bonnard's art. Indeed, it nffers little overt drama. Pierre met Marthe 1893, when he was 26 and she

was too (though claiming and looking 16). He picked her up in a Paris street, they moved in together, and stayed tngether till her death in 1942, five years before his own. They married in 1925. They had no children. It's the sort of marriage that, althnugh unconventional then, doesn't get in the papers. And, even with Bunnard's painting, we mightn't be so interested in it

- if the painting itself weren't. But the painting is. The relatinuship is far mure than background - it's Bonnard's hig subject - and to see Marthe as just the artist's model, nr his "muse", misses the point. Pierre and Marthe become private-life heroes because Bonnard's art specifically makes them so. In fact, it's hard in come up with annther major body of work so consistently focused on the life of two people together. (The only parallel I can think of is the work of the Victorian poet Coventry Patmore, one long celebration of his own married life, hut the likeness is remote.) So it's as well that the Tate's current Bonnard retrospective is a hig one. You need to see how the subject oever goes away the sheer number of pictures that concern one man and nue woman, their cats and bassethound, the places and the rooms they lived in - and how, through a 50-year span, the the handles painting

relationship. In the show's second room, the liaison is in its early years, and the pictures make one clear assertion: we're having lots of sex - a difficult thing to advertise gracefully to the world, though one sometimes wants to. \_ it was all bliss, a paradise - while Look at Indolence (1899) - the facts suggest it must have

supine, post-coitai on a rumpled bed - and imagine coming meant to see this one" - nr "I hope I wasn't" - because that sort of erntic showmanship would be rather nauseating. And, with these Bonnards, it is a fine line. He doesn't convert his sex-life, like Picasso, into general sex-symbols. It's defi-

There are oo more such

nitely this particular woman on show. But Bonnard saves the gambit through an intimacy so absorbed that it becomes unselfed. The viewpoint is clearly his, him standing by the bed king down, hut hefore him Marthe is lost, in herself and in the sheets that fold her body into their light.

You wonder if this was a marriage of great convenience for an artist who wanted to paint bathers - or if bath-time got as obsessional for him as it did for her'

ly 1900s. But the point shouldn't her figure, though central, is be over-stated: the paintings are not a confessional documentary. They don't tell tales. The internal drama of the marriage is conveyed obliquely, and must tu an extent be read in.

Take the many pictures of Marthe bathing. One way, they look like variations on an estahlished theme, the "Nude in the Tub", and that's how Bonnard titles them. But evidently it is the same woman, and the same woman who appears cin thed in so many of the interinrs; and Pierre himself is present in these bath scenes, indicated by an intruding leg, or again just by a viewpoint - the viewpoint of someone whn's in the room too, and close by. And when you know that Marthe, due to some mental or physical complaint, spent hours daily in the bath, the repeating subject becomes mure than a theme. The bath seems a refuge or a prison, and you wonder if this was a marriage of great convenience for an artist who wanted to paint bathers - or if bath-time got as obsessional for him as it did for her.

Criticism of Bonnard's art easily becomes criticism of his marriage, and I don't see that this can or should be avoided, so loog as you grant that marriage-criticism is at least as tricky a practice. Naturally the art only gives one side of the relationship (but that's an exemplary role too: all anyone has of their relationships is a onesided view, how you deal with that one-sidedness is the issue). And then the paintings, with their saturatiog colours and sensory plenitude, seem to say

been miserable, or miserably unequal, a sorry sort of shutaway mutual bondage, with her (on some accounts, basically a nutcase) wholly dependent on him, and him a dubious martyr, needing and oursing and using her dependence.

What does that do to the pictures? Make their intense plenitude claustrophohic, or the sign of an all-infusing, alltransfiguring love, or a resolutely denying and thriving faotasy? Perhaps rather an intimacy and habituation that can hardly tell the difference between these things. Marthe is everywhere, visible and invisihle. Bonnard deals in Mary Celeste still-lifes and interiors, which carry a human pres eveo when there is no persoo there, and in a kind of picture puzzle - there is a woman concealed in this scene, can you

find her? where Marthe either lurks inconspicuously but insistently, as a dim profile just inside the painting's margin, or is incorporated so thoroughly into the colour scheme that

harely discernible. Sometimes he has both effects, Mary Celeste and "Find the Lady", together. I was looking at White Interior (1932) for a while, thinking "How's he done it? How does he get such a strong feeling that someone has just gone nut, and will shortly return?" - something to do with the relationship of the orange chair and the white door - and then I saw that she was in fact there, nearly in the middle of the picture, but hidden by the way, bending behind the table to play with a cat, she virtually blends with the carpet.

Bonnard famously said he wanted his paintings to give the impression of someone just entering a room, an uptical overload, more than can be taken in at a glance. Here that's just what happens. You go through the sequence thinking first "She's definitely around somewhere", and then "Ah, Marthe, there you are!" - or more cool-"Oh, there she is". For Marthe's pervading presence needn't be felt as a simple blessing; maybe as inescapable. Always around - that can be said in several tones of voice, and paint. Bonnard paints her in so deeply that he almost paints her out, and thereby shows that

paint her out, he can't. Wheo Bonnard is alone, in his self-portraits - if you can call them that, because they're always the view in some mirror in the home, a moment of reflective solitude, not a set-piece selfimage - he seldom looks happy. In the one called The Batter (1931), you see a puny man beating his fists in a tantrum. In one of the last, after Marthe's death, Self-Portrait in the Bath-



room Mirror (1946), he looks like a dead man himself. And the late bath-scenes, painted before and after she died, are

rather frightening fantasies. Marthe's body never ages, but it acquires distortions that neither water nor a wide-angled view can explain. It floats corpse-like, it dissolves into its liquid cocoon and into the painting, in the last one of all, into a sea of sour metallic hues no one would call paradisal. One hardly likes to speculate what mixture of grief, remorse, nostalgia and resentment is to be fathomed here. An exemplary marriage: an abyss. The only clear image in this final picture is the basset, heraldic on a bright square of bathmat - as if to say, the man may be lost, but the dog at least is simply faith-

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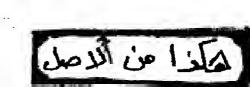
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.When members of an orchestra invite young patients to make music, the subdued sounds of the hospital give way to joy. By Clare Garner

THE CHILDREN sat in a cirand spark their imaginations. cle, wired to their drips, looking wan and apprehensive. Some were more severely ill than others, but they had in common the fact that they were

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"I want you to try and imagine a very different scene to the one you're in now," ventured Duke Dobing, a flautist with the City of London Sinfonia. "It takes place in ancient Greece, had turned herself into. "Pan at hundreds of years ago, when one go had invented the flute there was no electricity, no ra- and music," concluded Duke. dio, no television and, no music." Young Daniel Flaherty's sic, Pan unwittingly invented a head crept up from underneath medicine. The therapeutic powthe sheets like a tortoise coming out of his shell. He propped It was first described in the himself up in bed and tuned in.

For a hour last Tuesday afternoon children from the paediatric ward in Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, in west London, quite forgot they were ill. The chapel where they were acongregated was transfirmed into a communal concert hall, as a cacophony of sounds swirled about the ceiling and the children gave themselves up to

This was "The Music that Heals", a one-hour workshop run by four musicians from the City of London Sinfonia or- the collection of percussion inchestra. They are run monthly, for children, the elderly, expectant and new mothers, and HTV patients as a therapeutic

room, relating the Greek legend rection of Daniel's bed. of Pan and Syrinx, just as a father would read a bedtime sto- ly duhious. He slunk back, alawaken them from their ill state his curiosity got the better of rus of frog noises, swishing hetter." Such a mnral was

Pan, the god of fields and woods, felt in love with Syrinx, a nymph, but Syrinx "didn't feet the same at all". Syrinx turned herself into a reed in order to bide from Pan. And then Pan beard something he had never heard before - the wind blowing through the recds. He picked a reed, not realising it was the very one which Syrinx

Along with the flute and muer of music is well-documented. Bible, when David played the lyre to Saul and he was "refreshed, made well and the evil spirit departed". Even 2,000 years ago, flute-playing was said to ease sciatica; modern research has since suggested that music releases endorphins, the brain's painkillers.

Back in the workshop, it fell to the children to set the story of Pan and Syrinx to music. "Do you think you could make some hoofy noises with that?" asked Duke, selecting some brightly coloured "kids' bongos" from struments spilled out on the floor, "We thought this would be good river musio," suggested Christine Jackson, a cellist with the City of London Sinfonia, Duke sat in the middle of the wheeling a xylophone in the di-

Daniel, six, looked distinct-



Doing the rivers: Daniel Flaherty turns his hand to percussion based on the legend of Pan

Photograph: Rui Xavier

him. He tentatively stroked the reed noises and whistling. The poignant in the circumstances. golden tubes with his fingertips and was rewarded with a singing, tinkling sound. He did it again. And again and again.

Daniel was not alone in being shy at first, hut with a little encouragement the children all banged and shook their instruments, sometimes at a fast and furious pace, and at other times gently. "Now we need our mysterious water music on its own," instructed Duke. Daniel re-

occasional interruption of a bleep from a drip was the only reality check.

Suddenly, one boy looked desperate. His handaged arm was hurting and the musicians were quick to catch on. He put down his instrument, but he didn't want to leave. Instead he sat and listened, quietly, with a far-away expression. Next came the story of the

hare and the tortoise. "What sponded by running his fingers do you think you can learn up and down the xylophone with ... from that story?" asked Chrishuge, expansive sweeps, lost in tine, after telling the tale. "I'll tell you: that some of us take nice actually, playing lots of mu-"What have you forgotten?" longer and work harder. Some sic and that. When you start asked Duke. What about mak- of us are lazy. The people playing music, you get into it. It ry. His aim, however, was not to most in danger of disappearing ing noise with your mouths?" At who work harder and keep gosend the children to sleep, but to beneath the covers again. But once they emharked on a choing, in the very end they are knowing the different stories." since the Seventies. It is unusual ation of British Orchestra's Na-

At the end of the hour-long workshop Duke thanked everybody for being "a fantastic orchestra". The children smiled.

They were exhausted, but contented. Daniel said that he had heen happiest "when I was doing the rivers," but that he had also enjoyed "the rabbit one". Lily, 13, who had had an "external fixator" taken out of her

leg the previous day, said she had had reservations about coming to the workshop. "I thought it would be a hit boring," she said, "but it was quite

her, she added. "I didn't think about my leg at all," she said. 'I just carried on with the music. It sort of relaxes you,"

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The hospital wnrkshop is just one example of the activities undertaken by orchestras across Britain, be it in hospices, prisons, residential homes or schools, During National Orchestra Week, which runs from 9-15 March, more than 30 of the country's professional orchestras will perform to the public free as a mark of their com-

mitment to interacting with the

The music had distracted in that it integrates the visual tional Orchestra Week.

and performing arts into healthcare. All the funding for the arts is privately raised from individuals, businesses and charitable trusts.

Susan Loppert, director of the arts project at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, has masterminded the interactive arts programme. "What we're doing is not therapy," said Ms Loppert. They are not music therapists, but it's therapeutic. It's part of the philosophy of the hospital, which is positive and

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weekend leaves. It was in that casual manner that thousands of young men endangered their well-being. Some have maintained that subsequent illnesses have been linked to their expe-

There was no verbal mention of nasty things like nerve or any other toxic gas, chemical or biological warfare, but together with the 20 or so other fresh-faced youths I joined that Sunday in deepest Wiltshire I was asked to sign a piece of paper stating that I was offering my services willingly.

That first evening we attended the Naafi and spent some of our extra week's pay on a concoction called black velvet. There was scant discussion of why we

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clever, don't you?"

"But this is an emergency. You told my son he had

He hrought one in to show me in a Playdoh jar." "I don't believe you.

"MORNING Mr Jacobs. What can I do for you?"

is for emergencies only?"

"Oh you think you're so

"Clever enough to know you can wait until Monday."

Your son does have worms.

"Splendid. Were you aware

ing to lose any sleep over."

told my wife the whole family was probably infected - I haven't slept since, thinking of all those horrible little things crawling around inside me."

blood during sex."

"Anywhere special?"

could have passed eggs straight into my bloodstream, right?"

was only a threadworm. Noth-"How can you say that? You

"They're only in your howels." "You told my wife that the eggs can get under the finger-

"Well, the wife's got long fingernails and she tikes to draw

"My back, mainly. So she

"Look, there are worms that live in the hloodstream - such

"Well I haven't kept it - it as the dreaded schistosome fluke - hut threadworms only survive in the intestines."

> "How do you know it was a threadworm?" "It looked like one." "But you didn't send it to the

lah, for conformation?"

"So you were guessing?" "Look, it wasn't a fluke." "Why not?"

"Because flukes are flatworms with oral and ventral suckers. This worm was a

thread." "It could have been a fluke

"Also, schistosomes are unheard of in Walthamstow, whereas threadworms aren't."

"Probably from nursery."

Lance's lunch?"

"Like I said, under some-"So how did Lance get it?"

one's nails." "How do they get there?"

"That's a shame."

"Wby?" "Because he's settled in re-

ally well at Mrs Pope's." "You don't have to take him out of it."

"No son of mine's learning to read in a worms hole." "Look, threadworms are no hig deal. Five-hundred-million people on this planet have got

them as we speak. Many have no symptoms at all and others just have an itchy hum." "But surely Mrs Pope should have spotted the worm in

"You don't swallow the worm, you swallow the eggs." "And where are the eggs?"

Well, the adult worm lives in the large bowel hut pops out to lay eggs around the anus."

"I've heard enough." "But the good news is that nearly all patients are cured by a single dose of wormicide - and you can buy it over the counter to avoid troubling your doctor

on a Saturday morning." "I don't like giving the kids

drugs." "Well, if you cut everyone's nails, wash the cggs off bedclothes and towels and have scrupulous personal bygiene, the worms die out after a month

"That's a bit of a fag." "Or just live and let live." But I'm itching like mad.

Does that mean I've definitely

"No, it could just be that the suggestion you might have them has brought it on. If you can't find a worm in your stool, the best way of making the diagnosis is to sleep with Sellotape around your tail end, to catch the eggs as the worm pops out

that's all..." "Do you sell Sellotape?" "No. Bye bye."

at night to lay them. Now, if

"One more thing. Why did you call the schistosome dread-

"Good grief. Because the eggs get stuck absolutely everywhere - in your bladder, in your liver, in your lungs, in your brain ... it's not pretty ... Mr Jacobs? Come back! Look, I've got some cracking photos of it in Post Mortems Weekly ... "

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### Mr Straw should think again. The judiciary has a real role to play



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Jack Straw thinks British policemen are wonderful. So wonderful, indeed, that he is minded to turn down the Hillsborough Victims' Support Group in its demand for a fresh inquiry into the stewarding of the ill-fated game by the South Yorkshire police force. The Home Secretary, however, does not think British judges are anything like as wonderful. He stood up in the Commons yesterday to say as much. Of course he did not use those exact words - he does, after all, rely on judges to make the criminal justice system work. What he said was that British judges cannot be trusted, they don't have much common sense. That, at least, seems a reasonable interpretation of his remarks about the press, privacy and the Human Rights Bill.

The European Convention on Human Rights, which is being incorporated into British law, contains two clauses especially relevant to the activities of the media and the citizen. One broadly asserts the right of citizens to privacy (especially against the state) and the other asserts the right of the press to report widely and freely (especially against abuses of power by the state). For every claim a public figure might make under the privacy clause, the press has a valid counter-claim under the press freedom clause ... provided reporting has been in the public interest. There is a lot of legitimate ground between the two. "I think," said Lord Bingham, Lord Chief Justice, last autumn, "this is difficult and debatable territory. "Quite so: the courts are going to have to weigh contending principles and make fine judgments according to the merits of the cases before them. Is there really any good reason for worrying about the fitness of judges to effect a balance?

There is a case for saying we should not wait for the haphazard process of building a privacy - and press freedom - law by fits and starts. A draft Bill promoted by newspaper editors is in circulation which seeks simultaneously to establish a right of privacy and a right of investigation, in

the public interest. Mr Straw would win friends - not least in our quarter - if be picked that up and ran with it. Instead be seems to be going off at half cock. To judge from yesterday, he has been persuaded by tendentious and self-righteous arguments from right-wing newspapers and the rightwing peer who heads the Press Complaints Commission, Lord Wakeham, that a "right to privacy" is somehow dangerous. The courts - this presumably will be the effect of a proposed government amend-ment to the Human Rights Bill - must not be allowed to define the PCC as a public body and entertain suits which try to force the PCC to uphold its own rules about invasion of privacy by newspapers.

If that is the Government's position, it is half-baked. It is no excuse that Mr Straw's boss, the Prime Minister, seems to have been nobbled by ecclesiastical interests who seem to think, in their divine wisdom, that hishops and ministers do not have nor should be troubled by human rights. The Government seems to be forgetting what it said, eloquently, in Opposition.

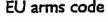
The problem is why people are motivated to go to the courts for redress. Judges are invited to adjudicate cases of invasion of privacy because citizens despair of the political process. It is when people decide, rightly or wrongly, that they are not going to get justice from Parliament or govenument offices that they turn to the courts. During the Thatcher and Major eras, Labour spokespeople applanded this development, and the growth of judicial review that it encouraged. They implied that if and when they got to power, people would once again start trusting the political system and so the call on the courts to redress wrongs would be lessened. Will they? The answer lies in Labour's hands: the faster it gets on with the job of parliamentary reform and modernisation, the smaller the scope for the judges.

Litigiousness is not some epidemic disease. Britain does not have to go down the American road and see its social and political life corrupted by a plague of court cases. Take schools, recently infested by lawyers. Having rid them of corporal punishment, parents and teachers were left confused over exactly when and how discipline demanded "force" to be used on recalcitrant pupils. ("Pupils" these days is a category including hulking great teenagers of both sexes, strong and often angry: pity their teachers.)

Hence the new guidelines published yesterday. These will never be enough to prevent a bloody-minded parent going to law. None the less, they represent the way forward. The Government is making positive law in order to clarify right and wrong. it must also seek to alter the climate of opinion, to carry parents and teachers (and children) along with it. Nothing here is going to stop anyone seeking to apply the provisions of the Human Rights Bill-but they will affect the judicial and social climate within which they are actionable.

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#### LETTERS



TODAY, Britain and France table their proposal for a European Union Code of Conduct on arms exports. Could Europe finally be about to place principles before profit in decisions on arms exports?

EU countries account for 40 per cent of all arms exports to the developing world. All too often, countries suffering from dictatorial regimes, poor human rights records or other forms of social instability have filled their armouries with European technology. In fact, developing nations have increasingly become the weapons industry's main target market. The easy availability of European arms has enticed many Third World nations to spend more un weapons than on health and education programmes, further depriving already impoverished and suffering populations.

We firmly believe that controlling the irresponsible sale of weapons is central to alleviating many of the devastating international social problems we face today. For this reason, a demanding European Code of Conduct would be of great importance. The British government must be commended for its initiative.

But if the Code is to bring real reforms, it must go still further. We are concerned that there are a number of loopholes in the proposed country criteria. To he truly effective, the Code must have guidelines which are mure restrictive and explicit: in addition, it must be accompanied by clear consultation procedures, common end-use controls and increased parliamentary scrutiny and accountability.

We consider a demanding European Code of Conduct to be an essential huilding block for the International Code of Conduct on Arms Transfers a proposal which we Nobel Peace laureates have formulated with fourteen of our colleagues. As the EU begins debating the British and French proposal, we greatly hope that they will seize the opportunity to make a significant contribution to international human rights, development and security by insisting on a strict Code of Conduct that will serve as a model for the rest of the world.

Dr OSCAR ARIAS Nobel Peace Prize Winner 1987 Professor JOSEPH ROTBLAT Nobel Peace Prize Winner 1995 JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA Nobel Peace Prize Winner 1996

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#### Strike on Iraq

ROBIN COOK ("We must act", 14 February) asserts that the aim of any military action against Iraq would he to diminish Saddam Hussein's ability to deploy, conceal and recreate his chemical and hio-

logical weapons. Does the Foreign Secretary seriously believe that such military action will break Saddam and force him to comply with the US-dominated inspection teams? Think how many can be killed by a single dumb bomb and think of the fateful consequences of a sustained military strike for the innocent Iraqi

It is impossible to eliminate Saddam's weapons of mass destruction without eliminating Saddam himself. How can you be sure that Saddam's ability to produce biological weapons is diminished when these weapons can be produced and concealed in room-sized base-

ment laboratories? The Foreign Secretary himself said on 20 January that Iraq is still manufacturing enough anthrax each week to fill two missile warheads. This production was continuing while the inspectors had been uncovering and dismantling these weapons of mass destruction. Saddam has already spent years evading the inspectors and has forgone billions of dollars in oil revenue that he might have had. So he will continue to evade and a military strike is not going to stop him. Clearly the best alternative would be to have inspectors who can inspect, i.e.

the US. In the long term a new political strategy is needed. This strategy should be based on supporting a democratic alternative to Saddam, no more punishment to the Iraqi people, implementation of UNSC Resolutioo 688, trying Saddam as a war criminal and belping the Iraqi people to hold free elec-

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oated by representatives from

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AS in the First World War, the aims of war against Iraq are clear but the means are so hopelessly ill-adapted to achieving them that the war itself seems pointless.

it is not hard moreover to discern an irrational motive a personal animus against Saddam Hussein and a desire to inflict humiliation on him regardless of the effects on others, of the degree of international support and of longer-term policy priorities. Only thus is it possible to make sense of the US refusal to concede an incb on sanctions - the obvious diplomatic way out. Personal vendettas are no substitute for a proper policy. NICK MARTIN-CLARK London N8

ROBIN COOK's article contains a hreathtaking assertion: that "the stability of the entire region is at risk" from Saddam Hussein. I doubt it; but it certainly would be if the knee-jerk boys in the US get their way and Saddam is toppled. There would be an unholy battle over the corpse of Iraq with Islam-

ic fundamentalists, Sunnis, the Shias and the Kurds bidding for support. Talk about the mother of all wars... KENCLARK

Bedford

MANY people, to judge from letters in your newspaper, feel upset that military action against Iraq is being considered.

Never mind the starvation and deprivation that the Iraqi people endure, Saddam Hussein continues to build up his personal wealth regardless. So there may be some bombing uf his seven (or is it eight?) palaces. I have no problem with this. SIMON GARDINER Croydon, Surrey

#### Privacy law

YOUR report "PM against privacy law" (12 February) reveals some very confused thinking on this tupic at the heart of government.

Upon the incorporation into British domestic law of the European Convention on Huwill be both a right of privacy and a right to freedom of expression. UK judges will have no choice but to balance these rights in any particular decision. effectively creating a tort of breach of privacy with a defence of legitimate public interest; in so doing, they will have regard to the existing body of case law under the ECHR.

In extreme cases, where damages would be an insufficient remedy, the court could prevent publication by injunction; but all the experience of defamation law suggests that such cases would be rare.

It would be wholly wrong for

such an extreme power of prior restraint tu be exercisable by a voluntary body such as the Press Complaints Commission (PCC). Indeed, following the incorporation of the ECHR into UK domestic law, the usefulness of the PCC may well be called into question generally; as Sir Louis Blom-Cooper rightly ubserved, "Self-regulation will always protect the self." PHILIP GOLDENBERG

#### Cancer treatment WE are assessing the impact of

receiving aromatherapy massage or relaxation therapy, used alongside conventional anticancer treatments, on patients' quality of life. We are not attempting tu see if these therapies provide an alternative to conventional anti-cancer treatments. So we are keen to redress any misunderstanding conveyed by the headline "Natural therapies to be tested as cancer cure" (23 January), describing our planned trial. In fact, all the patients being studicd will have advanced cancer, i.e. their cancer cannot be cured.

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#### Save the arts

OXFAM'S protest about tax deductions for arts projects (letter, 13 February) refers to current patterns of charitable giving. The present halance of giving to the top 500 voluntary charities is dramatically weighted against arts, recreation, youth and education. Together their annual revenue amounts to £54m - just 3 per cent of the total of £1.76bn. International aid receives £378m and animal protection £133m.

To redress this balance Lord Birkett and myself, and many others, lobbied for several years for a national arts lottery. Its aim was to bring to the UK the enhanced emotional life which the practice of the arts can belp to stimulate. In addition we sought a balanced physical life, with enough recreation to keep people healthy, and thus reduce the state's buge health bill.

To see £133m going to animal protection but so little to the shaping of balanced lives here is to understand why our crime rate is so high. Young people without a habitual pattern of filling their spare time with useful hobbies, artistic expression and sport can fall into

drink, drugs and criminality. Now is the time to redress this balance, which is one reason for the formation of our charity. Oxfam's work is invaluable, but it needs to be complemented by the protection of the quality of living habits for all here and now, which can transform the social babits of the whole country. **DENIS VAUGHAN** Executive Director Council for the Advancement of the Arts, Recreation and

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#### Dangerous women

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ON learning that the British Boxing Board considers women unfit to fight because they become "emotional and vulnerable during periods" ("PMT makes women unfit to box", 13 February), I found myself worrying about the clearly unsuitable jobs that women have been allowed to get away with for so long, such as supervising and educating young children, ministering to critically ill patients; and operating potentially dangerous electrical equipment such as cookers, irons and sewing machines. SHIRLEY COULSON . Milton Keynes.

### My philosophy is to get your kit off - for operational reasons of course



From time to time I like to bring you a roundup of new words or new usages in current English, a kind of part-work glossary, and I think it is time to offer a few more examples of the way in which English is changing as we move towards the millennium.

Absolutely: A mild form of "yes". Docudrama: A kind of television programme about a famous person, of whom there is so little film footage available that an actor has to be hired to impersonate him.

Editor: 1) In television and film, a very minor person whose joh it is to make sure that all the pictures sort of fit together. 2) In radio, a very important person who controls The Archers. 3) In the press, a very very very important person who does exactly what the proprietor wishes.

Epic: An adjective meaning, filmed in several different countries at enormous expense Icon: 1) A small drawing on a computer screen 2) Any person whose great days are over but who is still admired by any other person, as in "Shirley Bassey is a gay icon", "Vidal Sassoon is a hairdressing icon". "The Queen is a royal icon", etc.

Iconic: Said of a comedy show which is slightly different from its predecessors. Irish: Name given to new pubs with shiny wooden facades in Rome, Tel Aviv, Beirut,

Islam: A kind of religion whose adherents believe that God listens to them five

times a day. Kit: Trendy new term for clothes, as in "Get your kit off", Kit and the Widow: Presumably, widow's weeds. Literature: This used to mean a whole cel-

lection of great novels, poems, plays, etc, but now it means a small pile of brochures, as in "Shall I send you some literature on that?" Mic: A new abbreviation for "microphone". It is starting to take over from

"mike", as in "Open Mic contest". Nobody

quite knows what has caused this develop-ment, as "mike" was a perfectly good abhreviation and did at least look like the way it was said, which "mic" doesn't. Maybe it has come about because "mic" is the written abbreviation on tape recorders.

Millennium: AD 2000 is said to be the millennium, because it is the year that marks the end of the 20th century. However, the original meaning of "millennium", was 1,000 years, so whatever we are celebrating must be something that happened 1,000 years ago. However, nothing happened in AD 1000. The only thing that anyone really seems to want to celebrate is the hirth of Christ, which was 2,000 years ago. So millennium must now mean "a period of two thousand

Mobile: This used to be a kind of revolving sculpture that dangled from the ceiling, but is now just a toy telephone. Manitor: A verb meaning, To ignore, to

do nothing about, to treat with apathy, as in "We are monitoring the situation on a 24-hour basis".

Operational: Unfathomable, unknowable, mystic, awesome, as in the aonouncement: "We are sorry for the late running of this train. This is due to operatiuoal reasons.

Oxymoron: Sudden fashionable alternative for "contradiction in terms". Philosophy: The thinking behind a football manager's actions. Eg. "My philosophy is to win matches by beating the other side, but I think it's important to entertain as well. and also to huy a foreign footballer with a funny name whom the home crowd can be-

come fond of". Power: This is the new term which has replaced "On/Off" on machines.

Quote: This is quite different from a quotation. A quotation is something witty or stylish which has been repeated so often it has

gone into the language. A quote is a brief soundbite from someone famous which is picked up by a researcher and handed to an interview for discussion, as when Ned. Sherrin says to a visiting actor: "I rather liked" your quote the other day when you said that playing Hamlet was like trying to remember the sort of person you were 10 years ago", and the actor can't remember baving said it and doesn't have the faintest what it means, but has to discuss it anyway, because it's a "quote".

Buckinghamshire

Scientist: One who can explain how life began 10 million years ago but has no idea bow BSE began 10 years ago.

Something: A curious expression which used to be a swear word ( as in "You something something!") but is now a number (as in "Thirty-something" or "Forty-some-

Tribute: An obituary on television. (To be continued.)

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### The Tories take a few baby steps towards democracy



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It's a curiosity of the rules unveiled yesterday for electing the Conservative leader that had they been in force when John Major stood down, William Hague might not have had the job at all. Ken Clarke was easily the most recognisable of the available candidates outside Westminster; he came out well on top in the polling of constituency chairmen, and would probably be Leader of the Opposition under the one member one vote ballot envisaged in yesterday's hlueprint of a new party organisation. And a lot would therefore now be different - not least the view Tony Blair would be taking of how difficult it would be to win a referendum on a single currency. This may look like a pointless "what if", to be left to the seductive world of virtual history. But it illustrates an important truth about the restructuring of the party achieved by William Hague in a few months as leader. The changes will have a real world effect quite out of proportion to the scant attention they will receive outside the Conservative Party at a time when that party is deemed not to matter.

They also, broadly, live up to the claims Hague is making to be an unexpectedly fast moving and determined party reformer. In organisation, if not yet in policy, Hague has shown that he has learnt a good deal from the cautionary tale of Labour's attempted -- and very nearly successful -- suicide by slow poisoning after the 1979 election defeat. He has moved a party with not the slightest culture and history of membership democracy to a one member one vote system. And he has done it without the painful transitional stage in which power in the Labour Party in the early 1980s was seized from the MPs only to be handed to the most determined activists instead. It's easy to mock some of the conclusions of the so-called membership survey which preceded yesterday's paper. It's hardly surprising, for example, that 98 per cent of Tory members agreed "that a Single Party should be created with one constitution and common standards of performance and integrity". It's rather more so that even 2 per cent were prepared to flirt with the implicit alternative, that it would be better for Conservatism to be several parties with conflicting constitutions and varying tolerances of incompetence and corruption. But behind these banalities lurks an impressive effort to revitalise a desperately aged and shrunken party in which Hague has taken on some of its most entrenched interests - including a deeply self-important backbench parliamentary leadership - and emerged in most

cases unscathed. A lot of this, of course, was borrowed directly from modernised Labour and from the Liberal Democrats. Both of these had long realised that you don't recruit to a modern political party unless the memhers have a share of the power in return. True,

the main change is limited to the election by the full membership of the leader from a shortlist of two chosen by the MPs. And yes, despite claims to the contrary from Hague's circle, the new system is likely to make it somewhat more difficult to unseat the leader. First, 15 per cent of MPs - anonymously if they wish - have to seek a no confidence ballot, and then the leader has to go if he fails to secure a simple majority and will not be able to stand in the subsequent election. But given that the membership tend to favour the incumbent - and may therefore pick the potential successor politically closest to him or her - some of those most hostile to an unpopular leader may, paradoxically, be wariest of replacing him. What's more, the very fact that the membership will now have a voice may make the parliamentary party more cautious. But that hardly makes Hague invulnerable (disastrous results even in next year's Euroelections could put him in some danger) or wrong to bring the members into a choice which neither of the main parties now leaves to its MPs.

In other cases the internal democracy may be more Leninist than real. But that is hardly so different from Labour. The ptehiscite on the manifesto will be, like Labour's, a demand by the teadership for endorsement by acclaim from a wider membership of proposals over which it has had only the most limited influence. (Given the vociferousness of the pro-EMU minority in the party, it may actually be a rather livelier affair than Labour's was before the 1997 election.) Democratic centralism lives too, in a practical and little noticed proposal designed to ensure that wholly unsuitable candidates are not picked by local parties in by-elections. Just as the Labour NEC can impose shortlists, so Conservative Central Office will now provide - for the first time a list of selected candidates from which local parties have to choose. Although constituencies parties will be able to seck approval for a favoured local candidate this is a limited but significant erosion - entirely consistent with New Labour behaviour - of

constituency autonomy.

Labour yesterday made a great deal of how the changes would not include one member one vote elections to the the party Board - the nearest equivalent to the NEC - or to the party conference. And it's a sign of the cultural resistance to internal democracy in the Tory party that the survey exposed only limited demand for it. But the Labour attack neatly glosses over the fact that both the NEC and the party conference are becoming, by Tony Blair's explicit design, less rather than more influential in the formulation of policy. There is another reason, too, why Labour may seek to mute its criticism of Hague's new proposals: by avoiding a complex and inherently unstable electoral college for the party leadership elections, Hague has been able to boast that the electoral system will genuinely be one member one vote. Labour's, by contrast, still includes a 33.3 per cent share of the vote in leadership elections for the trade unions. One effect of Hague's changes will be to make, once again, the institutional influence of the unions in the Labour Party an issue of public debate.

It used to be said that Margarct Thatcher's reforms - particularly, but not only, those which democratised the trade unions - helped to save the Labour Party from itself. The changes which Hague announced yesterday are a necessary but not a sufficient condition of a recovery which cannot yet be guaranteed. But it may also be that - this time by example - Labour's modernisation will in turn, and in time, help to save Conservatism from itself.

### A Cassandra who had much to teach an aspiring war reporter



ANNE **MCELVOY** WOMEN AT THE FRONT

Like a lot of first-time war reporters, I set off for my first battlefield in the disintegrating Yugoslavia with Martha Gellhorn in my mind and my luggage. My mother had given me a dog-eared copy of A Stricken Field as a kind of talisman because she associated her with

When people have that quality, it is hard to believe that they are mortat. One of Martha's closest friends said of her yesterday, "I just never thought she'd die." This was her ninetieth year. But somehow. dying did not become her.

In The Face of War she wrote, "War is a malignant disease, an idiocy, a prison, and the pain it causes is beyond telling or imagining; but war was our condition and our history, the place we had to live in." It still is. She teft us on the brink of yet another war and we can already write the script she knew so well from Spain, from the Second World War and Vietnam - cratered earth, suffering civilians, human shields, bombs, bombs and more bombs. For all the talk of surgical war and precision targeting - "official dri-vel", she called it - the results on the ground are remarkably unchanged.

It is the eternal, messy, uncontrollable quality of modern warfare that she evoked so well - that and the fact that whatever the rights and wrongs of a particular conflict, we fail our fellow men and women if we do not look upon the human horrors as well as the victories and defeats of conflict.

Her idea of the most immoral war was one in which the outside world does not get to know the fate of the casualties.

Her subject was not only war: it was the people of war, the civilians caught up in the strategy of generals. "I thought it would be fine," she wrote in 1939, "if the ones who order the bomhing and do the bombing would walk on the ground some time and see what it is like". She had an amazing capacity to retain scores of images in her mind at once from a place she had been in for a short length of time and then to string them together in a coherent whole. Not since Joseph

Conrad has anyone combined the skills of novelist and reporter so productively.

In later life, she remarked that she belonged to the "Fedcration of Cassandras", for she had come to have little faith in the ability of journalists to prevent evils. Still, she had "no time for that objectivity shit", and expected reporters to make moral judgements on what they saw. The responsibility to report remained, nonetheless, and she advised newcomers "to limit yourself to what you see and hear and not suppress and invent".

To that extent, she was a product of the photographic age (and she loved photograpby). For her, the reporter was the written equivalent of the camera's shutter. The immediacy is apparent from the first page of any report of hers you read; her technique of heaping images fast, on top of each other, looks easy - until you try it.

Sitting in the restaurant of the Esplanade hotel in Croatia in 1991 reading A Stricken Field, it was eary how the mood recalled the novel's powerful opening description of a hotel dining room on the eve of war in Europe 40 years hefore: the sickly excitement, the competition for sources, the hum of egos: the hyperactive, edgy atmosphere. The most fitting collective noun for a group of journalists holed up together is

an insecurity. As a role model for women journalists, she was unbeatable. When I first tried to freelance from Eastern Europe as a student, I found a world of journalistic hureaucracy, faithfully replicated not only by the Communist authorities hut by the correspondents themselves. Old hands said that there were places you couldn't go and people you couldn't see because



From this I learnt that the single greatest advantage of being a woman in wartime is that

the teeming Channel just before D-Day. She was also unafraid to admit to her fear, which takes you are less likely to be taken real courage, particularly for seriously, which means that women who suspect that they

an anti-American streak in her which was as unbending as it was instinctive. Of the unified Germany, she remained profoundly and, it seems to me, unfairly suspicious, trapped in the perceptions of 1945.

But it didn't matter. You could read and learn from her humanitarianism, be fired by the power of her writing and her haunting sense of place even if you didn't share her sturdily socialist view of the world.

Her last piece of "war reporting" was from Wales last year, where she returned to one of the scenes of the miners' strike and vividly described the aftermath of battle between Margaret Thatcher - "ruthless and clever, like a general - and Arthur Scargill - 'a fool". Once again, it was the poor bloody infantry who paid the price. We will always need voices to remind us of them.

#### I learnt from Martha Gellhorn that the single, greatest advantage of being a woman in wartime is you are not taken seriously

you didn't have this mysterious you can get on with doing what will be regarded as more fearthing called "accreditation". I you want without arousing ful than their male colleagues. didn't really know what that was and was damn sure they And any young reporter can wouldn't have given it to me learn from her that the worst

Then I read Gellhorn's description of setting sail in a hospital ship for D-Day after her husband Earnest Hemingway had swiped her accreditation: "A military policeman stopped me and asked me my business and I said I was just going to interview the nurses, the women's angle, for Colliers, the American magazine I was working for. Nobody gave a hoot about the women's angle. It served like a perfectly forged passport. As soon as I got aboard, I found a toilet and locked myself in. more than passing curiosity. thing you can do is get hung up pressly formulated to waste what is really happening.

Gellhorn was always honest about the gaps in her knowledge - far more so, it seems to me, than a lot of women writers on war today who feel that in order to be taken seriously. they must appear to command the language of military expertise. "Battleships, destroyers. transports - I know nothing of ships," she writes in the middle of her brilliant description of

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which the carnage of Spain and the slaughter of the Interyour time and divert you from national Brigades was engineered by Stalin for his own purposes. I don't suppose I would have agreed with her about the justifications for war Hers was the brightest and the against Iraq either - there was one we will miss most.

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### The best way to save the arts is to remove the single payer



#### **ANDREAS** WHITTAM SMITH CHARITY TAXES

This newspaper's campaign to persuade the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reform the tax system along American lines and thus "Save the Arts" has got off to a good start. The letters in support are developing the argument and identifying key issues. Daily newspapers can indeed work with their readers to

change government policy. It is important to see clearly what the American system comprises. The US government itself gives little directly to theatre companies, orchestras, museums and the like; instead they are supported by individand donations which, up to very high limits, qualify for tax relief. in effect the government helps the arts by providing donors with a tax deduction.

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There is a further point about the American example that its British supporters need to take on board - it is not confined to donations for the arts. Any giving to any charity qualifies for tax relief. This must he correct. I do not see how the arts in the United Kingdom could be given tax advantages that were unavailable to other types of charitable activity. This point was raised by the financial director of Oxfam, David Nussbaum, in a letter to the editor published on Saturday. He was right to argue that the campaign requires consideration across the voluntary sector. And his further point, that such a widening could undermine the covenanting system under which Oxfam now receives numerous small-scale donations,

would have to be met. On the other side of the Atlantic, then, arts institutions survive if, by networking, they can attract a sufficient number of individual backers. In effect there is a free market in donations supported by tax relief. If individual A turns you down, you go to B, and if not B, then to C and so on. In this country, if they are to obtain the funds they need, cultural bodies must persuade the relevant committee of the great and the good and its officials. Everything may depend upon a single source. Pailure to convince one body can be fatal. For instance, my fellow columnist on these pages, Trevor Phillips, as chairman of the London Arts Board, has had to take the agonising decision to withdraw the grant upon which the Greenwich Theatre depends. It will probably close down as a result.

It is because I greatly prefer the liberal, unhureaucratic system in the US that I wholeheartedly support the campaign. I also know that there is no chance that this country will follow the Continental pattern, where national or regional governments handsomely support cultural institutions. To see what

probably now outclass the equivalent rooms in the British Museum, which had the reputation of being the best in the world outside Cairo.

I had hoped that the Lottery would be an effective British way to achieve similar results. Indeed the arts have greatly benefited, so far as new buildings are concerned, but they neverthdess find themselves in a traditional quandary. It is much easier to find the funds for premises than it is for running costs. The same problem faced our Victorian ancestors when they wanted to erect new churches

state support at its present levcis, even if the Government allows a switch to the American system of tax deductions for private donations. They want it all; no "either/or".

I think that this is unrealistic. The best way of persuading the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make a change is to offer a bargain. I would say to Gordon Brown that if the state would funnel its help to the arts by means of an easy-to-use system of tax deductions for individual donors, scrapping the many restrictions that the Inland Revenue currently imposes, then the

of tax deductions for private donors would allow them to do better than hreak-even as com-On the other side of the Atlantic, arts institutions survive pared with the present arrangeif, by networking, they can attract a sufficient number of ments. At least there would be no ceiling. The harder any institution worked at raising funds from individuals, the greater the reward. Some institutions would flourish in the new circumby stimulated should in time alstances and some would not. low the whole apparatus of the But the failures could hardly

> - generous tax relief, little state without harming the rest of the

> heads, to be wound up. This, tem itself was unfair. after all, is the American pattern Let the debate continue. The main difficulty for me at the moment is the Oxfam point. What sort of bargain could the Chancellor be offered which would, over time, provide a net benefit for cultural institutions

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Theatre does today, that the sys-

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backers. In effect, there is a free market in donations in the fast expanding cities. increased private giving therethis means, readers need only Businessmen who had done

visit the hugely ambitious refurbishment and expansion of the Louvre Museum in Paris which has just been completed or travel to any regional capital in Germany and go to the tocal opera house. These countries hold the arts to be a public good which the state or local government naturally finances. The neglect of the British Museum would be inconceivable elsewhere in Europe. As a result the Louvre's new Egyptian galleries

well out of the Industrial Revolution could be persuaded to cover the costs of hricks and mortar - and stained glass windows. But it was much harder to get them to underwrite the salaries of the vicar and curate and other running costs.

Being in a similar situation, the attitude of the cultural institutions is that, as well as receiving lottery funds, they should also continue to obtain point of view, it would see a rise voluntary sector?

To begin with, under this scheme, the effect on the British Exchequer and on our cultural institutions alike would be neutral. From the Government's

Arts Council, with its grant giv-

ing powers and expensive over-

### Martha Gellhorn

MARTHA GELLHORN was her father was a doctor and her one of the finest war corre- mother, whom she described as spondents of the 20th century. a "wonder", was a believer in ex-She learnt the craft of war reporting in the Spanish Civil War, and it was then that she to lure people into doing good. grew up politically: "We knew, we just knew, that Spain was the place to stop Fascism," she strongly about the disadvansaid. "This was it. It was one of taging of womeo, something those moments in history when there was no doubt."

She was in Spain with Ernest she hecame in 1940; he dedicated For Whom the Bell Tolls to her in 1941. She rarely talked about her time with, and marriage to, Hemingway (they were divorced in 1946), quite rightly wanting to be her own person and oot part of the Hemingway bandwagon. The house she huilt for them in Cuba became the Hemingway

Although Gellhorn did not actively seek out war, her passion for causes and sense of outpeocd in her life. In wartime. she said, you "operate on a basis of functional schizophrenia -- you can't stand it for anybody else but yourself ... I liked having no possessions, oo problems. and you oever knew if you were going to be alive the next day and that was immensely interesting."

She saw the function of a reporter as one of seeing and hearing as much as possible, This accurate record could then be passed on so as to be seen, heard and felt by others, "Journalism is education for me. The readers, if any, may get some education too but the hig profit is mine. Writing is payment for the chance to look and learn." She was a natural and highly intelligent writer who She went to Dachau with the libcombined being able to write eration troops and described it with baving something important to say. In later life when she worst abomination of man, saywas being bullied to write her ing afterwards, "I'll never forautobiography, something she give the Germans. Never, always refused to do, she said that she might possibly write one just about her sex life, because that was all that anyone would

he really interested in.

cellence and a campaigner for female suffrage who managed Geilhorn was never to like the stridency of feminism, but felt she, with three brothers, never suffered from.

She left Bryn Mawr College, Hemingway, whose third wife in Pennsylvania, out of boredom, and, after jobs on the New Republic and the Hearst Times Union, speot a period in Paris. In 1934 she returned to the United States and worked for Harry Hopkins, head of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. She travelled round America seeing how people existed in the Depression and reporting how the relief was working. For a while she lived in the White House at the request of President and Mrs F.D. Roosevelt, both of whom rage meant that she wrote about she greatly admired, referring most of the wars which hap- to Mrs Roosevelt as "a moral true north" and the person she most valued after her mother. The Trouble I've Seen, a collection of tales which drew on her experiences during the Depression, was published in 1936 with a preface by H.G. Wells. who referred to her as a writer with "an instinctive directness

During the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39 she worked for Collier's Weekly, and it was for the same paper in 1940-41 that she went to China. She wanted to see the Orient and from there covered the Sino-Japanese War. She saw the Second World War as the "necessary war", but for the only time in her life encountered problems as a woman reporter. as the "circle of hell", and the

Martha Gellhorn was born out of a sense of rage, feeling. The Heart of Another (1940), public in 1929. But the marriage passion, but even as an old 1991; morriage dissolved 1963); diec in St Louis, Missouri, in 1908; as an American, personally re- Liana (1943), The Wine of As- did not last and she did not mar- woman she could travel rough. London 15 February 1998.



Gellhorn: You never knew if you were going to be alive next day. That was interesting' Photograph: Topham Picturepoint

sponsible for what happened. Her articles were so good, but so critical, that no newspaper in the US dared to publish them. Eventually the Guardian published five of her reports, effectively ending her career as a war correspondedt in Vietnam; she never got another visa. She was so passionately angry about the Americao involvement in Vietnam, "this unforgivable evil", that it drove her into a writer's block made of "solid concrete". It was the worst time

Fiction, which she believed had to be sound on place, always played a large part in her life. She found it much harder to Much of the best war re- write, but used it as a therapy porting she ever did was as a to forget about war and to freelance from Vietnam in amuse herself. Her novels in-1966-67. She covered the war clude A Stricken Field (1939),

of her life and she harely wrote

anything between 1969 and

tonishment (1948), The Lowest Trees Have Tops (1967) and three novellas -- The Weather In Africa (1978).

She always enjoyed travelling and Travels With Myself and Another (1978) is ber "account of my best horror journeys". The View from the Ground (1988), a selection of articles written during six decades of peacetime reporting, which includes a piece on the trial of the war criminal Adolf Eichmann in 1960, is an eloquent testimony to her convictions and pathological passion for the truth. The Face of War (1959) is a collection of her war reporting from Spain, Finland, China and the Second

World War. In 1948 she adopted a son and in 1953 married Tom Matthews, the former editor of luxury and lived in rather Sparshe had been on the New Re- mooey on travel, as an abiding

ry again, saying she was much happier being single. Gellhorn had a great gift for

friendship, with both men and women, although she did like to be the centre of attention and, whilst being a good talker and listener, she did not suffer fools. hating stupidity of both thinking and feeling. Being her friend one woman described to me as "one of the great privileges of life". She was funny, generous, well-read, a prolific letter-writer and very beautiful, being both tall and elegant, and she went on minding about her appearance into

She bought a flat in London in the 1960s which she used as a base for the rest of ber life; she was not concerned about

if oecessary, investigating the US involvement in Panama in 1990, aged 81. She had no interest in domesticity, although she was impressed by other people's cooking, if you went to lunch with her you would often have to take your own sandwiches. She loved and needed the heat and was an inveterate snorkeller.

François Mauriac's saying "Travail, opium unique" served her all her life and she maintained her curiosity and convictions, despite failing eyesight, until her death.

Sarah Anderson

Martha Ellis Gellhom, writer: born St Louis, Missouri 8 November 1908; married Bertrand de Juvenel (marriage dissolved), 1940 Ernest Hemingway (died 1961; marriage Time magazine, whose secretary tan surroundings, only spending dissolved 1946), (one adopted son 1948), 1954 T.S. Matthews (died

### **Bob Scribner**

the English-speaking world in the field of German Reformation history. His research transformed our understanding of how the reformers' message was able to win over layfolk who were deeply wedded to the practices and rituals of the Catholic faith, however much they criticised the Church as an institution and the behaviour of individual priests.

Scribner argued consistently that the Reformation was oot an event, but a process, beset by cootradictions and reversals. in which the responses of layfolk played as creative a role as the reformers' theology itself.

These insights were first developed in his major study For the Sake of Simple Folk: popular propaganda for the German Reformation (1981), in which he discussed the importance of visual and oral communication aloneside print (for too long regarded as holding the key to the Reformatioo's dissemination and impact). But he also insisted on the complexity of such media: visual propaganda works at several levels; it needs to be read as a system of signs; its semiotics require careful decoding.

None of these findings would have been possible if Scribner had not been so well grounded in cultural theory and anthropology. He subsequently elaborated the ideas in a vast outpouring of research: at his death he had published nigh on '90 articles, as well as editing

oumerous collections of essays. This extraordinary achievement can only be properly assessed against a background which had more than its share of adversity. Scribner was born into a working-class Catholic family in Sydney; his grandparents had been German immigrants on his father's side. Irish on his mother's, and it was his grandmother who took on

responsibility for his upbringing. After winning a place at Sydney University, where he majored in history, he was appointed as teaching fellow on the recommendation of Bruce



Mansfield, who encouraged him to embark on historical research. In 1967 he gained a first class master's degree, with a thesis on the social thought of Erasmus. At that time Australia was being rapidly drawn into the conflict in Vietnam, and Bob Scribner belonged to the circle of radical Catholic teachers and students who voiced the first opposition to the war and to the military draft.

Although he eojoyed his time at Sydney University (acquiring a reputation as an ac-

BOB SCRIBNER was the lead- complished boaxer), Scribner ing scholar of his generation in could see that his future lay elsewhere. He came to Europe in 1968, spending nearly two years as a research student in Marburg and Freiburg (picking up German oo the run, as he put it), before embarking on a PhD in London under Geoff Dickens; he worked as a night porter to help finance his studies. Even then, he shunned the easy option by choosing to work in the Thuringian city of Erfurt, at that time in the German Democratic Republic. The bureaucratic obstacles to archival research in the way of anyone( not a party member were formidable, as was the cost of accommodation at "tourist rates".

His first academic post, with very heavy teaching duties, was at Portsmouth Polytechnic. Yet by the mid-1970s a string of path-breaking articles, combining meticulous research with broad theoretical interpretation, began to appear. In 1979 Scribner moved to a lectureship at King's College London, where he spent a not very congenial two years among colleagues deeply suspicious of his sociological approach to religion.

With his appointment to tectureship in Cambridge in 1981 and a fellowship at Clare College Scribner at last began to gain the recognition he deserved. That culminated in his promotion to Reader in 1993, having already been awarded a prestigious two-year research readership by the British Academy. But it was with his move to a chair in the Divinity School at Harvard in 1996 that at last the prospect beckooed of being freed from administrative chores and undergraduate teaching to concentrate on research and supervising more graduate students than had been possible at Cambridge. Within months of arriving in Massachusetts, however, cancer of the oesophagus.

was diagnosed. Those who saw Bob Scribner in his last days will not forget the exemplary courage and clear-sightedness with which he faced the end. His iron will and intellectual clarity (underpianed by a quiet faith) never described him. The single-mindedness with which he pursued his scholarly vocation - he was one of the hardest-working men his friends had ever known - at times placed strains upon his family. but it was matched by a won derful openness and informality.

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He never set himself up as an authority, or expected to be treated with professorial reverence. Rather, he was a constant enquirer, eager to share his curiosity and enthusiasm. That is why he was such a goofteacher. He wrote, not to create tablets of stone, but to engage in dialogue, to he part of a process; just as he viewed the Reformation itself.

Tom Scott

Robert William Scribner, historian: born Sydney 6 September 1941; Lecturer, Portsmouth Polytechnic 1972-78; Lecturer, King's College London 1979-81; Lecturer, Combridge University 1981-93, Reader in the Social History of Early Modern Europe 1993-96: Professor of Divinity, Harvard University 1996-98; married 1972 Robyn Dasey (marriage dis-solved), 1989 Lois Rutherford (oneson, one daughter); died Arlington, Massachusetts 29 January 1998.

### Roger Lazar



Lazar: essential listening

"FROM Our Own Correspon- revived the title for a new Sundent" was an expression coined in the 19th century by the newspapers. When the BBC established its own group of foreign and continues to this day on the and domestic reporters, at the end of the Second World War, it was adopted as a programme title. It was first used, from Octoher 1946 to June 1949, in the skill at briefing correspondents oew Third Programme. It was then a series of 15-minute talks ideas for foreign coverage he which gave us, in that first corps of BBC foreign correspondents, an opportunity to ested in international developconsider in depth the problems of the country to which we

Six years later the Home Service, as Radio 4 was then called,

day morning series of fivemioute contributions which hegan on 25 September 1955 World Service. From Our Own Correspondent owes its reputation to Roger Lazar. He was not its first editor, but through his overseas and his fund of established the programme as essential listening for all interments. With breaks for his own assignments abroad be edited From Our Own Correspondent for 13 years.

Lazar celebrated the 25th

anniversary of From Our Own in London, and then to Uni-Currespondent by editing a se- versity College, where he oblection of its more noteworthy contributions, which was published by the BBC in 1980. It included a long central essay by Thomas Barman, the former diplomatic correspondent, who was given the whole programme, on his retirement, to reflect on the changes over 40 post-war years.

Lazar's family had suffered under the revolutions at the end of the First World War. His father was Romanian, his mother was from Minsk, and the family was naturalised British in 1925. Roger was born in Paris, sent to St Paul's School

Broadcasting Corporation help tained a journalistic diploma. At the outbreak of the Second World War he joined the London Auxiliary Fire Brigade. He was invalided out with a back iojury in 1941. He theo two years in a Reuters/Press joined the BBC Monitoring Association post. Service in Evesham as a sub-

Bush House and rapidly rose in the European Service's news hierarchy. In 1948 he moved over to the foreign side of domestic radio news, becoming a Foreign Duty Editor. He was seconded to Nigeria in 1959 to give the newly independent Nigerian

in setting up a news service. On his return a year later he became the editor of From Our Own Correspondent. He retired in March 1974

hut was engaged for a further

Lazar was transferred to Roger Lozor, rodio journalist born Paris 4 March 1914; Editor, From Our Own Correspondent, BBC 1961-74; married Louise Duffell (marriage dissolved), 1939 Dorothy Quait (marriage dissolved), 1961 Marie Cremona (one son, one daughter); died London 13 February

#### BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

BAMBERGER: Mavis (nee King). On 12 February 1998, peacefully at Leis-ton Old Abbey, Suffolk. Much-loved wife of Manfred. Treasured by all her family and friends. Private cremation. GUTTSMAN: Willi. Former Librarian of UEA, after a long illness. Valerie, Janet, your family and friends

will miss you.

PAPPE: On 14 February 1998 peacefully in a Hove Norsing Home, Hellmun Otto, Diur, aged 91 years.

Formerly of the University of Sussex. Husband of the late Vera Pappe. Cremation on Wednesday 18 February, Downs Crematurium, Bear Road, Brighton at 2.15pm. No flowers by request. All enquiries to Africe & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove. Telephone 01273 821985.

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Birthdays

Sir Derek Andrews, former senior civil servant, 65; Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman, Palestine National Anthority, 69; Mr Alan Bates, actor, 64; Mr Jim Brown, actor, 63; Dr Julia Browne Kuschbach, former Editor, Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine, 103; Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP, 64; Mr Tom Clausen, former chairman and chief executive, Bank America Core, 75; Dr Gordon Cook, physician. and chief executive, hank America Corp. 75; Dr Gordon Cook, physician, 66; Miss Angela Eagle MP, Parlia-mentary Under-Secretary, Environ-ment, 37; Miss Maria Eagle MP, 37, The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Lord-Lieutenant of Fife, 74; Lord Foot, solicitor and conservationist, 89; Miss Prunella Gee, actress, 48; Mr Bernie Grant MP, 54; Mr Barry Humphries, entertainer, 64; Sir Gordon Jones, former chairman, York-shire Water, 71; Mr Richard Kennedy, Head Master, Highgate School, 49; Mr Andrew Leigh, General Manager, the Old Vic. 57; Miss Julia McKenzie, actress and singer, 57; General Sir John Mogg, former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 85; Professor Dr Claire Palley, former Prin-cipal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 67; Mr Gene Pimey, country and western singer and composer, 57; Baroness Rendell of Babergh (Ruth Rendell), come novelist, 68; Miss Patricia Routledge, actress, 69; Lord Slynn of Hadley, a Lord of Appeal in Ordi-nary, 68; Mr Graham Stringer MP, 48;

Commandant Mary Talbot, former

Children, wats the Bristol Royal Hospitul for Sch Children, St Michael's ISBI, Bristolt opens the refumbaled facilities at the Territorial Army Contre, Whitelades Roual, Bristolt and as Patron, the Alexahouse Associated

Director, WRNS, 76; Sir Anthony Wilson, former head of the Government Accountancy Service, 70.

**Anniversaries** Births: Areangelo Corelli, compos-

er, 1653; Ronald Arbuthnon Knoz, theologian and essayist, 1888. Deaths: Giordano Bruno, philosopher, burnt at the stake 1600; Molière (Jean-Baptiste Poquelin), playwright, 1673, Sir Donald Wolfit, palywright, 1675, 5tr Lousid Wolnt, actor, 1968; Graham Vivian Sutherland, painter, 1980; Evelyn Laye (Elsic Evelyn Lay), actress and singer, 1996. On this day: the draining, a forerunner of the bicycle, was patented by Baron Karl von Drais de Sauerbrun, 1818; Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera was first produced, Rome 1859; Puccini's Madame Butterfly was first produced, Milan 1904; the inner tomb of Tutankhamen was opened at Luxor by the team led by Lord Carnarvon, 1923; a majority in the House of Commons decided that Britain should join the Common Market, 1972. Today is the Feast Day of St Evermod, St Finan of Lindisfarne, St Fintan of Clonecnagh, St Loman, The Seven Servite Founders and Saints Theodulus and Julian,

Lectures

Tate Gallery (Roland Penrose Lec-ture): Professor Richard Wollheim, "Painting, the Eye and Language"

#### LAW REPORT: 17 FEBRUARY 1998

### Conditional fee agreement poses no special risk

Hodgson and others v Imperial Tobacco Ltd and others: Court of Appeal, Civil Division (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord justice Aldous and Lord Justice Chadwick) 12 February

A lawyer acting under a conditional fee agreement was at no greater risk of being personally liable for the costs of an action than one acting under any other fee arrangement. Proceedings in chamber were not, generally, secret, and save in the exceptional cases where they were secret, disclosure of judgments or orders and comments on proceedings in chambers was not improper.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of the plaintiffs in litigation against cigarette manufacturing companies against the refusal of an order debarring the defendants from seeking an order that the plaintiffs' legal representatives be responsible for the costs of the action, but allowed the plaintiff's appeal

about the litigation without leave of the court.

fendants, alleging that the cancer from which they suffered was caused by smoking cigarettes. They had been refused legal aid, and had entered into (CFAs) with their legal advisers. At a directions hearing in chambers on 10 October 1997 the plaintiffs' legal advisers, might be persocally liable for costs in a case where the plaintiffs were not insured, indicated that unless they had certainty as to any such liability it would not be possible for them to continue to represent the plaintiffs. They according-

judge did, however, make the "eagging" order.

ly sought the "deharring" or-

against an order preventing the Hermer (instructed by Leigh, Day & order. There was no doubt dated, the judge should conparties and their advisers from Co) for the plaintiffs: Jonathan Playcommenting to the media ford QC, Andrew Prome QC, Charles Gibson and Toby Riley-Smith (instructed by Ashurst Morris Crisp) for Approximately 43 plaintiffs the first defendant, Justin Ferwick QC, claimed damages from the de- Janet Turner QC and Tom Weitzman (instructed by Simmons & Simmons) for the second and third defendants.

Lord Woolf MR said that there was no reason why the conditional fee agreements circumstances in which a lawyer acting under a CFA could be made personally liable for the costs of a party other than his client should differ concerned at the risk that they from those in which a lawyer who was not acting under a CFA would be so liable.

The plaintiffs' lawyers were in no different position than if they had been acting for a legally aided client with a nil contribution. In that case the plaintiff's lawyers would be an equally prominent target for an der, which was refused. The application that they pay the costs personally. There did not

that the judge had been right to refuse to make the order.

accord with the usual practice in the Queen's Bench Division, interlocutory directions for the conduct of the litigation had been made in chambers. The defendants relied on that fact in support of the "gagging" order.

attend hearings in chambers because of the nature of the and because of the physical restrictions on the room available, but, if requested, permission to attend should be granted where practical. What happened during proceedings in chambers was private, not coofidential or secret, and information about such proceedings could, and the judgment or order pronounced should, he made available appear to be any precedent for when requested. If members Daniel Brennan QC, Brian Languaff for lawyers acting for a legally of the public who sought to at-QC, Robin Oppenheim and Richard aided client seeking a detarring tend could not be accommo-

sider adjourning the proceedings in whole or in part into The present lingation was of open court, or allowing one or great interest to the media. In more representatives of the press to attend the hearing in chambers.

To disclose what occurred in chambers did not constitute breach of confidence or amount to contempt as long as any comment which was made did not substantially prejudice the The public had no right to administration of justice. The above did not apply to the exceptional situations identified work transacted in chambers in s 12(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1960 or where the court, with the power to do. so, ordered otherwise. In the present case the risk of the administration of justice being interfered with by communications with the press was far less than the risks which would follow from interference with the entitlement of the media to obtain information about the proceedings. The judge had accordingly been wrong to make the "gagging" order.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

### Somerfield in talks with Kwik Save on £1.2bn merger deal

By Nigel Cope City Correspondent

The consolidation of the supermarket sector took a dramatic step yesterday when Somerfield and Kwik Save announced they were in talks that could lead to a £1.2bn merger. The deal would bring together two of the weakest players in Britain's cut-throat food retail sector which is increasingly dominated by the likes of Tesco, Sainsbury and Safeway.

Both Somerfield and Kwik Save have been struggling to maintain sales and market share in the face of increased compeition from both the "Big Four" supermarkets and the low price continental discounters such as Aldi and Netto. Kwik Save in particular has been plagued by falling sales, a weak brand and a poor store portfolio.

A combined Somerfield and Safeway would be Britain's fifth largest supermarket group with 1,400 stores and combined sales of £6bn. The new group would account for 7 per cent of the UK grocery market, behind Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway, It is therefore considered unlikely that the deal would run into regulatory problems, Somerfield is thought to envisage substanoal benefits in increased

buying power and reduced costs. The City was unimpressed Somerfield and Kwik Save say- group PDFM. Both have been ing it would only delay the problems of the two groups. "There may be some short-term benefits but the longer term growth potential is still difficult to identify," said Frank Davidson, food

retail analyst at ABN Amro. Paul Smiddy at Crédit Lyonnais Laing said: "I am not overwhelmed by the logic of it. It seems to indicate that neither company can finder a bidder." Another said the deal would still be a distant and very weak fifth behind the hig players. "I know there are a lot of global mergers going on at the moment," one analyst said. "But this really is nothing more than a tiny pimple by comparison."

The announcement follows constant speculation that Asda and Safeway are still considering a deal after news of proposed merger talks between the two leaked last September. That deal foundered on regulatory concerns.

A merged Somerfield and Kwik Save is unlikely to trouble the big players unless it starts undercutting significantly on price, But it will increase the pressure on other "second tier" supermarket groups such as Iceland, Morrisons and the Co-op.

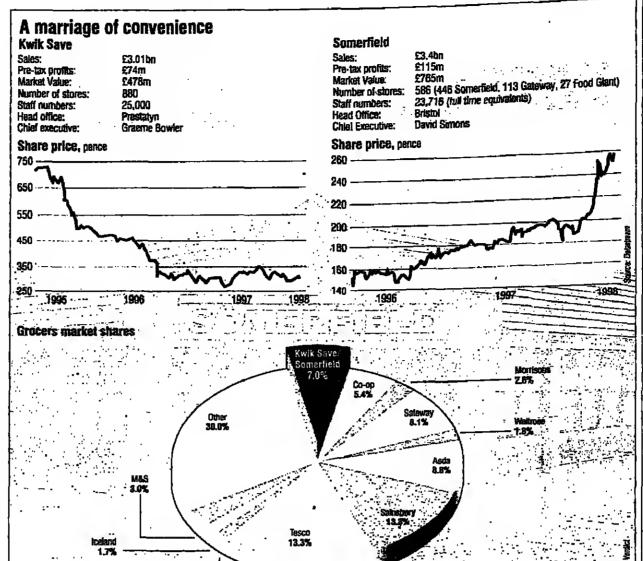
It is thought that the catalyst behind the talks were the major shareholders in Kwik Save, which include Dairy Farm concerned about the performance of their investment as Kwik Save shares have slumped from 843p to 307.5p since 1993. Talks between the two companies started late last year.

The deal is certain to lead to store closures and joh losses. There is thought to be a store overlap of around 200 outlets which may be closed. One head office is also likely to close with further cuts in distribution and administration. Analysts estimated that the cost-cuts could yield savings of £50m-£100m.

It is not yet clear whether both trading formats would be retained though it is thought that Somerfield will be the dominant partner with some Kwik Save stores being rebranded. It is possible that Kwik Save name would be retained as a discount offer together with Somerfield's Food Giant stores which competc at the lower price end of the market.

Though announced as a "nil premium" deal it is clear that Somerfield would be the dominant partner. David Simons. Somerfield's chief executive, is likely to head the enlarged group as Kwik Save's chief executive Graeme Bowler has already announced his intention to step down in August.

If the merger is structured as a "newco" - which would with the prospect of a merged and the fund management take over both groups - it term incentive plan.



would trigger significant share options pay-outs to Somerfield directors. At the curtent share price, Mr Simons is holding paper profits of £970,000 on his 869,000 options. He also holds 1.1m options under a long-

Kwik Save has been a disastrous performer in recent years. In November it announced an 18 per cent fall in profits to £74m and a six per cent fall in like for like sales. It has spent millions of consultancy fees to Arthur Andersen

and has been looking to roll-out its "New Generation" stores with better store lay-outs and lighting as well as more ownhrand ranges. It has also been closing some of its worstperforming stores.

Somerfield shares have

S&N buys 3!! pubs for £206m

done well since the former Gateway business struggled on to the stock market in August 1996. But it, too, has found difficulties in increasing sales and has been closing around 30

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#### Thorn warns on profits as chief makes shock exit

By Andrew Yates

Thorn, the troubled Radio Rentals group, announced the shock departure of its chief ex- Mr Marshall said. ecutive yesterday and waroed he at the lower end of market and was not under any pressure expectations. Investors took from institutions despite the right, sending the shares down n per cent to 146.5p.

been Thorn's finance director since 1995 is replacing Mike Metcalf as chief executive. Mr Metcalf will receive a pay-off of around £350,000, equivalent to one year's salary.

Mr Metcalf was expected to remain to oversee a vital strategic review at Thorn designed to reverse a dramaoc slump in its share price since it demerged from EMI, the music group. But he surprised the market by deciding to leave before this review had been completed.

"A lot of work has been done and we will make a decision on the future of the company within the next few least six months to hear the re-

months. Mike had to decide whether to see through the implementation of the plans or hand over to somebody else,"

He insisted that Mr Metcalf slump in the group's value. Analysts helieve Thorn is

Steve Marshall, who has now likely to break itself, with some of the proceeds from its handed back to shareholders. Mr Marshall confirmed that one option under consideration was the sale of Rent-A-Center. which is a market leader in the US with more than 1,400 stores.

> Thorn admitted yesterday that it was facing further litigacon worries in America over the terms of rental contracts. The group faces new law suits in New York, Alabama and Massachusetts having already been ordered to pay \$127m (£75m) in damages in two US states. The group will have to wait at



disposal programme likely to be Mike Metcalf: Will receive a pay-off of £350,000

sult of an appeal against one of those decisions.

Industry sources suggested Thorn was also considering approaching Granada, the leisure and media group, to discuss a marriage between its rental business and Radio Rentals. Such a merger would create severe competition concerns.

Christmas trading at Radio Rentals was disappointing due to a fall in customers renting personal computers, despite a reduction in prices.

This poor performance saw profits at Thorn fall by almost a third to £88.6m in the nine months to December, causing analysts to downgrade profit forecasts by at least £5m to around £120m for the year to

Thoro admitted that trading in the UK was likely to remain tough but said that it had no current plans to close any more Radio Rentals hranches after shutting down 90 sites last year.

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### as Nomura starts mass sell-off

By Andrew Yates

The dramatic shake-up of Britain's pub industry gathered pace vesterday as Nomura, the Japanese investment hank, kicked off a disposal

Scottish & Newcastle signalled its intention to expand rapidly its managed house estate by huying 311 pubs from Nomura, which recently hecame Britain's largest landlord, for £206m. The pub and brewing giant, will use the new sites to roll out brands such as Rat & Parrot, Chef & Brewer and John Barras community

Brian Stewart, chairman of S&N, said: "This was a unique opportunity for us. This will enable us to accelerate our successful expansion of our managed estate. It is difficult to find new sites and we believe we have paid a fair price for good locations."

S&N will now embark on its own widescale reorganisation of Investment Column, Page 20 its pub estate. It is likely to

launch a disposal programme, selling hundreds of pubs from its tenanted estate and some of its worst performing managed houses to make room for its lat-

est purchases. Nomura is looking to conprogramme which could see it tinue its self-off as it attempts leases which S&N would have sell at least 1,000 of its tenant- to slim down its puh husiness to huy out to convert them to or trade sale. As part of this plan Nomura now plans to allow 300 dissident tenants the right to he freed from the "tie", a system that forces them to a huy beer through the landlord. These tenants are part of a large group of disgruntled publicans who are taking legal action against Nomura to declare unlawful a former tie which they claim forced them

> mura hopes to clear the way for Ibeir sale. The group still faces the prospect of several key court cases this year which could pave the way for millions of pounds worth of compensa-

freeing these pubs from tie, No-

tion claims. last September as part of a estates.

£1.2hn deal to acquire the 4,300-strong Inntrepreneur and Spring Inns chains.

Of the 311 pubs sold, 70 are already managed houses or on short leases. However, 240 of the sites have lenants with long

S&N is paying £662,000 a pub, compared to the an average of £275,000 a puh Nomura paid for Spring Inns and Inntrepreneur.

S&N estimates that the total cost, including refurbishment of the siles, will rise to £1m a pub.

However, analysts believe that S&N is not paying over the odds. The price paid does not to buy beer an unfair prices. By look cheap but S&N has been able to pick the best sites and in the long term should he able to make a lot of money out of them," said one analyst.

Britain's pub industry has been in turmoil in recent months with the rise of new and powerful independent operators as the big brewers contin-Nomura bought the pubs ue to sell off their tenanted

#### Merged bank revises **UBS** job osses

By Lea Paterson

Half of the 400-strong workforce in the London-based equities division of UBS, the Swiss bank that is merging with SBC, was facing the sack yesterday, fewer than initially expected.

The UBS staff - including numerous highly rated analysts - failed to secure jobs at Warburg Dillon Read, the new investment vank.

The two banks intend to roll out their new equities department under the Warburg Dillon Read banner on 2 March. Affected employees are being summoned by telephone and told whether they have secured jobs at the new bank. But by mid-afternoon only a handful of staff had received calls.

One analyst said: "I haven't been told yet -very few people have. I think it's going to be a

three day thing."
At 4pm UBS staff, most of whom spent the day anxiously sitting by the phone, were informed that, if they had not yet received a call, they would not be poken to until at least tomorrow. This development - described as "incredibly frustrating" by one source - led to an exodus from the equities floor as analysts packed up for the day.

High-profile casualties of the merger include John Aitken, the banking analyst, and Richard Hannah and Matthew O'Keefe, the transport team. All three were highly rated by the City.

Mr Hannah has been an outspoken critic of the various fundraising attempts conducted by SBC Warburg on behalf

of Eurotunnel. David Robins, head of UBS in Europe, is another hig name expected to fall by the wayside. Mr Robins is currently heading the integration of SBC and UBS, but has not been offered a permanent post at the bank. Sources merger has been completed.

Colin Buchan, global head of equities at the new bank, vesterday confirmed the hanks inioally considered cutting many more UBS jobs, hut raised the number of offers as management became increasingly impressed with UBS employees.

Other sources attribute the change of heart to intense lohbying by Hector Sants of UBS, a well-respected City figure and joint European head of equities at the new bank.

News of the cuts came as an independent survey revealed the combined force of UBS and SBC. Institutional Investor magazine said SBC Warburg's equity research topped the league tables for the seventh year in a row. UBS came third. Outlook, page 21

### Andersen link-up with City law firm would pose bold threat to legal profession

By Roger Trapp

Arthur Andersen, the accountancy firm, is helieved to be on the verge of merging with the City law firm Wilde Sapte in a move that would represent the boldest threat to the legal profession to date.

Although many leading accountancy firms have set up internal legal practices with a view to countering the declining profitability of their core audit markets, this deal would be a big challenge.

Wilde Sapte is a long-established City firm with about 80 partners and more than 200 other fee earners spread between the UK and international locations including Brussels, Paris. Hong Kong and New York.

Andersen, which last year gained about £15m of revenues from Garretts and Dundas & Wilson, its UK legal operations, has long been keen to put such activities on a par with those that it has in other parts of the world, notably France.

According to today's issue of The Lawyer magazine, there has been mounding speculation in the City about such a merger, with one top firm already understood to be devising a strategy for countering the threat. It claims that Wilde Sapte has been in discussions with Andersen since the accountancy firm's talks with another City firm, Simmons & Simmons, broke down late last vear.

The firm is said to have been in talks with several leading accountancy firms, although merger talks between four of the biggest firms -KPMG, Ernst & Young, Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand ~ have created uncertainty in the field. Steven Blakeley, Wilde Sapte's

managing partner, fuelled speculation about such a link-up last year, when he said that combining with a big accountancy firm could provide his organisation with the international name and resources it required. Neither firm would comment on the report last night.

The report comes as the dispute between Andersen and the Andersen Worldwide organisation appeared to deepen. Andersen Consulting, which intensified the long-simmering row by shortly before Christmas calling for an arbitrator to intervene, late last week applied to a US court for an injunction preventing the accounting arm from continuing with actions that it daims will derail the arbitration process. The court in New York is due to reconvene in two weeks.

The two sides are divided over the payments the more profitable Andersen Consulting makes to the audit firm of which it was a part until 1989 and other issues concerning the structure of their relationship. But there is speculation that they will agree to an out-of-court settlement. Some observers are even sug-

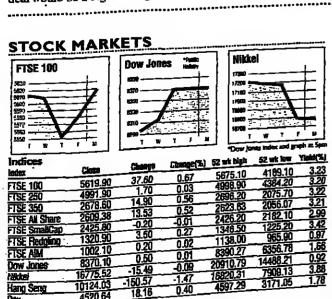
gesting that a formal split between the two Andersen units could lead to Andersen Consulting linking up with another consulting firm. However, Nick Land, UK senior

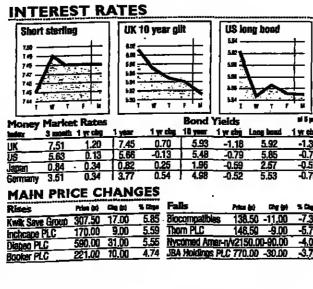
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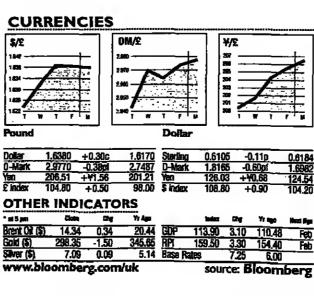
partner of Ernst & Young, which last week dramatically called off its planned merger with KPMG, said it was unlikely that his organisation would be a suitor.

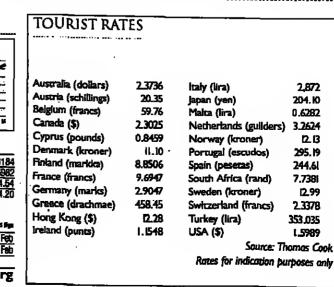
Meanwhile, Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse, which sparked the current round of mergет mania by announcing last September their plans to create a worldwide firm with about \$12hn (£7.3bn) in revenues, insisted that their deal was still on track.

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### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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#### Wait for Thorn's strategic review

SO MUCH FOR the theory that demergers are supposed to create value for shareholders. Ever since Thorn and EMI did the splits 18 months ago all it has done is highlight the deficiencies of the separate groups.

Every time one of them gives a tradprice fall and profit downgrades. Yesterday it was Thorn's turn and so it came as little surprise when it unveiled another disappointing performance. A warning that earnings for the year to March would come in at the bottom end of expectations was accompanied by the resignation of its chief

Appropriately enough given that the Winter Olympics are in full flow, Thorn's share price graph resembles a ski slope, with its shares falling from more than 400p on demerger to close down another 9p to 146.5p yesterday.

Thorn's future now hinges on the outcome of its strategic review. The Radio
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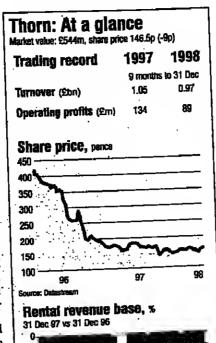
alarming rate. Thorn is hardly to blame for the slump in sales caused by the rise in a rise in insurance premium tax. Building society windfalls also prompted customers to buy a TV or video rather that

But the fact is the business faces real long-term problems. The rental market is in decline, with industry sales predicted to fall by at least 5 per cent a year. And the group has been slower than Granada to start using direct sales techniques. It will ing update it seems to spark a fresh share be a long hard grind for Thorn to get UK sales moving in the right direction again. The best solution is to join forces with Granada, hut that could pose insurmountable competition issues.

Thorn would also be well advised to sell its US business, where the group has been guilty of poor management and allowing competitors to steal market share.

Thorn's prospects hardly look promising. But with the share price so low already it is worth waiting to see if it can produce a rabbit out of the hat when it announces the results of its review in May.

SG Securities has downgraded profit forecasts from £125m to around £118m for



Total sales, % 31 Dec 97 vs 31 Dec 96

#### Flying Flowers soars even higher

FLYING FLOWERS' share price has certainly lived up to the group's oame. Since it floated in 1993, the shares have soared from 65p to close at 499.5p, up

aoother 8p yesterday. The group has proved it can do the simple things, like delivering a dozen carnations to mum on Mother's Day, very well and very profitably. Now is has dug up another lucrative enterprise by setting up a mail-order gardening business.

This helped propel the Jersey-based company to produce a 59 per cent in-crease in pre-tax profits to £6.25m for the year to January 2, and saw its divideod more than double to 7.35p.

Gardening Direct, which sells bedding plants by phone and mail, saw sales increase by 150 per cent. Walter Goldsmith, chairman of Flying Flowers, said the increase would have been even higher if the capacity had heen there.

It will he. Flying Flowers is developing a 16 acre site near Chelmsford. This will house amongst other things, 100 telephonists, needed to handle up to 20,000

calls a day. Flying Flowers is a remarkable story but how can it retain such strong growth in the longer term? The answer lies in

the group's ability to make sensible acquisitions and seek out new markets

Kong to have a go at the Japanese market. It has already formed a similar joint venture in the US which will sell cut flowers via the internet as well as through newspaper adverts.

Flying Flowers is forecast to produce current year pre-tax profits of £7.7m, putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 19. Investors who have staved away so far should consider turning to flower

#### Royalblue's success fails to impress City

ROYALBLUE found out about the fickleness of the City yesterday. One of last year's most successful flotations, the software group has gone from strength to strength since joining the stock market at 170p in June. Helped by the introduction - Royalblue has more or less cornered the market in providing the systems which banks use to handle the orders - and the introduction of the IT index, its shares hit a new high of 375p earlier this month.

The headline figures of Royalhlue's maiden results - profits before tax and flotation costs rose 50 per cent on a 77 per cent Yesterday Flyiog Flowers teamed up jump in turnover - more than justified the with the largest flower grower in Hong market's confidence. Yet the sbares gave heady climate, it seems that Royalblue's comment that the rate of growth would be "somewhat lower" in the coming year was enough to convince some shareholders it was time to lock in some profits.

This may seem strange. After all, Royalblue has plenty of good growth prospects in financial software, where it can expand its product range and sell upgrades that allow systems to cope with the introduction of the European single currency. And it does not rely completely on financial customers. Almost half its revenues come from customer service and call ceotre management products.

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Then there is the US. Royalblue's office, set up last year, is already in profit and the market for its financial products is buoyant. Plans for Nasdaq to move to an order-driveo trading system bode well

for software sales. But that does not make the shares attractive. Even after the dip, Royalblue of the Stock Exchange's new order book shares trade on a multiple of 47 times expany which is expected to grow at about 25-30 per cent over the oext two years. Royalblue is an admirable company, but for now its shares are high enough.

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#### GUS takes aim at Argos's performance in bid battle

Great Universal Stores went on the offensive yesterday in its hostile £1.6bn takeover hid for Argos, claiming an independent Argos would come "nowhere near" its proposed offer price of 570p. In its formal offer document, GUS's chairman, Lord Wolfson pointed to Argos's lower like-for-like sales growth io the secood half of last year despite a further expansion of the range and a lower gross margin. "In our view Argos's prospects oo a stand-alone basis come nowhere nearto supporting a share price today of 570p."

Argos bit back, saying the GUS offer was inadequate and that it was trying to buy Argos on the cheap. Argos shares closed 5p lower at 606p. Great Universal Stores edged 2.5p lower at 747.5p, The first closing date for the offer is 9 March.

#### Marston chief leaves

David Gordon, the long standing managing director of (,, Marstoo Thomsoo & Evershed, the troubled regional brewer, has lost out in a boardroom shake up and is leaving the group with a pay-off of around £130,000. Nick Letchet, the group's finance director, has been promoted to chief ex-

ecutive ahead of Mr Gordon. Analysts believe Mr Gordon has paid the price for the group's disappointing operating performance and failing to expanding the Pitcher & Piano chain as quickly as expected, which has lead to a sharp fall in Marston's share price. Mr Letchet is now likely to embark on a reorganisation of its

#### Healthcall buyout bid

gement of Healthcall yesterday blamed political uncertainty over healthcare policy as it mounted a £50m buyout hid to take the company private. Maurice Henchey, the chief executive, said Healthcall would be absorbed inside HCMS, a

company owned by management and Nat West Equity Partners. Mr Henchey said operating profits for 1997 at Healthcall, whose core business is providing a duty doctor service, would be around £4m compared to £5.4m for 1996 and £7.9m for 1995. HCMS is offering 90p in cash for each Healthcall share, a 29 per cent premium to the closing price of 70p for Healthcall 00 December 12 when the buyout plans were first mooted. bot below the float price of 105p. The shares closed yester-

#### day at 87.5p., up 6p. **Energy battle hots up**

PacifiCorp, the US power firm hidding for Energy Group, turned up the heat on rival Texas Utilities yesterday, saying any hid from Texas would need a much higher price than its offer of 765p. Energy Group, owner of Eastern Electricity, recommended PacifiCorp's £4.06bn casb offer earlier this month, but Texas has continued to talk to Energy Group, keeping alive the possibility of a rival offer. PacifiCorp estimated Texas would need to offer more than 820p to match its own hid and compensate for regulatory uncertainties and any re-

#### sulting time lag. Offer for oil explorer

AIM-listed Sibir Energy yesterday launched a recommeoded share exchange offer for its fellow Russian oil exploration company Pentex Energy in a deal which values Pentex at about £75.6m. The offer is oo the basis of 67 Sibir shares for every 100 Pentex and represents a 27.82 per cent premium over Sibir's mid-market price on January 15, the day before merger talks were announced.

#### Elliott takeover agreed

B Elliott, the specialist engineering group, has agreed to a takeover offer from a oew firm, Capitalmarket, for £43.5m. Capitalmarket has offered 110p for each Elliott share. The shares closed yesterday at 106.5p, up 5p. Capitalmarket was formed recently to make the offers with financing arranged by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's private equity division.

#### Belgo to set up in US

Belgo Group has agreed a joint venture with Apple South Inc to set up a chain of Belgo restaurants in the US and to operate an Apple South restaurant brand in the UK. The deal, flagged by Belgo last month, will see the first Belgo restaurant open in New York within the next 18 months.

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Albermarie & Bond (I)	3.54m (2.67m)	0.926m (0.727m)	1.69p (1.29p)	0.250
Cliveden (F)	11.61m (8 49m)	2.02m (1.71m)	5.04p (5.89p)	1 1p
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Hydro-Oynamic Preds (I)	3.18m (3.06m)	0.477m (0.426m)	4.8p (4.0p)	1.20
IAF Greep (1)	3.84m (4.82m)	1.14m (0.494m)	5.21p (2.18p)	2.5p (2.5p)
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OUTLOOK ON THE SOMERFIELD-KWIK SAVE MERGER. JOB LOSSES AT UBS. AND THE FAILURE OF KPMG AND **ERNST & YOUNG'S** MARRIAGE PLANS

### Two retail weaklings don't make a heavyweight

We've had Glaxo-SmithKline, SBC and UBS, Guinness-Grand Met and now we have, er, wait for it - Somerfield and Kwik Save. In the wave of global mega-mergers sweeping industry and commerce this one hardly registers on the radar. As une analyst puts it delicately; "It is a pimple on the backside of some of the others."

This may be a little bit rif an exaggeration, but it is also largely true. This is a merger akin to two lightweights getting together to form one higger, but still dis-advantaged middle-weight. It may bave a bit more muscle in the buying department but Tesco and Sainsbury's are still going to ounch its lights out.

In a sector where might is right, Somersave or KwikField, or whatever it might be called, is still going to have only half the sales and market share of the top two. Moreover, it will also have the weakest brand and the poorest portfolio of stores. Its 1,400 outlets belie a long tail of no-hopers that will be haemorrhaging sales and probably losing money. Management won't be able to give them away.

Even so it is hard to see what else these two managements could do. Somerfield and Kwik Save have both been caught by the increasing dominance of the major supermarkets and the ruthless discounting of Continental groups like Aldi and Netto. This merger doesn't provide a solution in itself but it should strengthen their hand.

Certainly it will provide a cue for others to follow. UK supermarkets have been hot to trot for some time. One way or another the Big Four are determined to become the Big Three. And there will be more mergers and deals in the second division with Iceland, Budgens and so on. Separately there is tikely to be a similar shake-out in the discount sector.

For Jardine Matheson, which controls 29 per cent of Kwik Save through Dairy Farm, this has been another spectacularly poor investment over the years, though not quite in the same league as Trafalgor House. Dairy Farm's stake has been on the market for as long as anyone can remember. Let's hope Somerfield, the strongest of the two, hasn't fallen for a pup in finally providing Jardine's with an exit.

#### Whingeing UBS bankers

It is bard to feet much sympathy for the whingeing stars of UBS as the curtain falls on this glorious City gravy train. These are investment bankers, and it ill becomes those who hand it out with such abandon to complain so vigorously about a redundancy programme which is par for the course among many of the clients they so lucratively advise. The brutality of the capital markets is legendary. In a sense, UBS is just getting a dose of its own medicine.

Even so, it is also plain that the merger of SBC Warburg with UBS's investment banking activities has been badly mishandled and that a very substantial amount of value may have been surrendered in the process. When a business

as is happening with SBC and UBS, the hope always is that the encumbrant can somehow or other retain the market share of the company subsumed. Unfortunately it often doesn't work that way: the acquired market share has a tendency to slip through the fingers like sand.

In the case of UBS it may be much worse than that. So angered are many of UBS's key people about the way this supposed merger of equals has been handled, that even those offered jobs in the new organisation are turning them down in droves and moving to the competition. Meanwhile all constructive activity at UBS has ground to a halt SBC may have succeeded in removing a competitor from the market, but it seems a mighty expensive way of doing it if all UBS's business has meanwhile shifted off to rivals.

#### FSA delivers the goods

Time magazine recently described Britain's Financial Services Authority as one of the big innovations for the next millennium in global capital markets. Dr Rolf Breuer, chairman of Deutsche Bank, said in a speech last week that he expected the FSA to provide a model for banking and securities regulation throughout Europe. Suddenly the FSA and its chairman, Howard Davies, are flavour of the month.

This is in marked contrast to the way news of the FSA was received in the City

takes over and closes down a competitor. when it was first announced. Then the perception was that the Government by combining nine different financial regulators in one organisation was creating a massive and powerful new bureaucracy which because it would attempt to combine wholesale with retail regulation would inevitably fail.

Any lingering doubts the City may have had on this score should have been allayed by yesterday's first FSA plan and budget. By going for rapid and early integration of the various channels of regulation, Mr Davies has been able to deliver an immediate cut in cost, which the City pays for under a complex structure of fees. Rapid change always carries a certain risk, especially in the delicate field of financial supervision where distracting influences can be highly dangerous. All the same, if the FSA can demonstrate real benefits for the City in the new approach from the word go, it should help create goodwill and a following wind. The challenge for Mr Davies is to make the jump from flavour of the month, to solid, durable, reliable regulation of the future.

#### Clash of cultures in the Big Six

KPMG and Ernst & Young are blaming the collapse of their planned \$18bn merger on a combination of regulatory issues and "client power". But is this really the whole story? The two firms have very different cultures and this must surely have

been equally to blame. KPMG is still essentially a loose federation of firms, while E&Y is considered to be significantly closer to becoming a single organisation.

Moreover, the structures of the two firms are sharply different. KPMG is a pyramid where senior executives such as the international chairman Colin Sharman are paid much more than other partners, E&Y is a more open and flatter structure where the spread of partners' earnings is narrower.

Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand always believed the KPMG proposal to be a spoiler, designed primarily to undermine their own more carefully worked out deal. Nobody should assume that just because KPMG has failed, Price Waterhouse will too. It may be that the competition authorities in Europe and elsewhere will be less troubled by the Big Six becoming the Big Five than they would bave been by the appearance of a Big Four. As important, Coopers and PW do not have same sort of potential audit dominance as KPMG and E&Y would have done in certain key sectors, such as financial services.

So PW may yet succeed where KPMG has failed. Whatever the outcome, these accountancy mergers have thrown up an amusing irony. The most vociferous crities have been the very company executives who are forever pointing to the need for mergers in their own industries so as to meet the challenge of globalisation. All of which goes to show that your view of competition depends crucially on whether you are in the position of supplier or customer.

### **Eurotunnel reveals** first operating profit

By Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** 

Eurotunnel, the Channel Tunnel operator, yesterday revealed its first-ever annual operating profit, but hit out at the Eurostar train business for failing to attract more passengers on to the flagship ser-vices from London to Paris and

Eurotunnel unveiled profits of £57m, before taking into account the huge interest charges on its £8.5bn debt hurden, compared with operating losses of £35m in 1996. Including interest payments, losses amounted to £611m. down from £685m.

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The marathon financial restructuring, signed last month by members of Eurotunnel's 174-strong banking syndicate. would have knocked £281m off the losses, bringing last year's deficit down to £330m. The refinancing involves banks swapping debt for Eurotunnel shares, which could give lenders up to 61 per cent of the company.

Shares in the Eurotunnel

which showed sales last year rising 14 per cent to £532m despite the impact of the No-vember 1996 fire. The car shuttle operations had recovered in December to take 48 per cent of the Dover to Calais market, compared with 22 per cent for P&O, the nearest rival. Overall, Le Shuttle revennes dropped by 20 per cent to £113m last year, reflecting the disruption.

Eurotunnel admitted that traffic figures had failed to meet forecasts made as recently as last May. Some 2.4 million cars were carried in 1997, up 11 per cent on 1996 but short of the company's 2.5 million forecast.

Enrostar passenger numbers were around 10 per cent below forecasts at 6 million. Jim Evans, head of Eurotunnel's rail division, warned that on average Eurostar was only half full on the most popular London to Paris services last year and was just 35 per cent full on trips to Brussels, where competition with airlines was particularly fierce.

"Empty seats are a perishrose 2p to 65p on the results, able commodity. We would prefer to see Eurostar going for higher volumes," said Mr Evans, in response to questions about the train operator's attempts to move the services upmarket

Though Eurotunnel's £212m revenues from Eurostar were 11 per cent higher than in 1996, the company admitted the figure was the minimum payment guaranteed from the train operator under a 10year agreement, lasting until Lower-than-expected de-

mand for Eurostar was one of the main reasons for the collapse of the plans to huild the £5bn high speed Channel Tunnel rail link by the London & Continental Railways (LCR) consortium. In its original bid LCR had predicted Eurostar, which it operates, would carry 9 million passengers last year:

Patrick Ponsolle, Eurotunnel's executive chairman, insisted the high-speed link was "absolutely necessary". not just to the company hut also to Kent commuters.

"Our view is that the full route is preferable to shorter versions," he said.



Le Shuttle revenues dropped by 20 per cent to £113m last year Photograph: Brian Hamis

#### Tunnel link would not let Railtrack off charges review

By Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

Railtrack is unlikely to escape a tough review of its track access charges at the hands of John Swift QC, the rail regulator, if it decides to build the Channel

Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) Railtrack's directors said last week the company would only get involved in the 68-mile high speed rail link if it obtained assurances that the review was not too operous.

But, in a letter dated 12 February, Michael Beswick, Mr Swift's director of regulation, wrote: "It is important that any involvement of Railtrack is without detriment to the interests of passengers and freight customers on the existing network.

"The regulator will seek to ensure that any arrangement is without detriment to Railtrack's commitments, reflected in its access charges."

A spokesman for Mr Swift's office also said that he remained "independent" although "mindful of Government decisions". Railtrack is considering plans for a high-speed rail link for un-

der £1.5bn - less than one-third of the proposed link's cost. The company receives more tban £2bn from the access eharges and is keen to keep as

large a chunk of this "guaranteed income" as possible. "We think there could be some way of linking the review and the CTRL. A bit like BAA [the owner of London's airports | did in its last price review." said one Railtrack director. "We think they managed to get off lightly because of the investment

required to build Terminal 5." Rail campaigners view the regulator's letter as a victory. They are worried that money set aside for the renewal of the national rail network would be diverted for the CTRL

"It would be unacceptable for Railtrack's already inadequate investment plans to be further reduced in order to cross-subsidise the link ... We are reassured the regulator shares our view," said Jonathan



John Swift: Railtrack wants assurances from him

Bray, of the campaign group Save Our Railways.

Some City analysts believe a deal could be done. One option is for the CTRL assets to be placed outside Railtrack's tough regulatory framework. One analyst said: "There could be a significant premium over the regulated return ... which would be attractive to Railtrack."

More than £400m was wiped off the company's market value in December after Mr Swift announced he was looking for "radical and innovative changes" to the current charging regime.

#### BT's computer division chases \*US acquisitions

By Chris Godsmark

BRITISH TELECOM's computer services business. Syntegra, is bolding takeover discussions with US groups in a move that would double its sales to more than £1bn. Bill Halbert, Syntegra's

managing director, aims to grow the company to four or five times its current size. It will also see Syntegra increasingly operating independently of its parent, though there are no plans to sell off the company. Syntegra bas been picking

up the pieces after the collapse of BT's merger with MCI of the US. Some of the biggest cost savings from the deal involved merging Syntegra with System-House, MCI's systems integration business, which would have created a company with sales of more than £1.2bn.

Mr Halbert said Syntegra's sales in the current financial year were rising strongly, despite the disappointment over MCI, and would reach £400m, an increase of more than 20 per cent. The integration plans were so far advanced that the merger of the two computing divisions was almost completed when WorldCom gazumped BT's takeover offer.

Mr Halbert said the intention was now to grow a lot faster through US acquisitions throughout the year, though he

declined to name the targeted companies. Discussions have already begun with some candidates and given the high prices paid in the information technology industry, the strategy could see Syntegra spend over £500m this year.

"We need to get the sort of scale we'd have achieved through the merger with SystemHouse. We need to be several times our size, perhaps four or five times and that has to happen by acquisition. We want to see our turnover in the billions of dollars," continued Mr Halbert.

The systems integration in dustry is dominated by global giants such as IBM, EDS and Andersen Consulting. Syntegra is small by comparison, but aims to catapult itself into the top five in the world, an ambition backed by Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive and former head of the

computing group ICL. Under Mr Halbert, Syntegra is widening its focus from the installation of voice and data systems for companies to providing consultancy advice. Recent large contracts include an electricity trading system for British Gas and work on networks for the NHS linking doctors and dentists' surgeries.

Syntegra also expects to continue its organic growth throughout 1998, adding about 1,000 employees to its 3,500strong workforce.

### Indonesia back to the brink in currency clash

By Stephen Vines in Hong Kong

INDONESIA is moving back to the brink in a renewed confrontation with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) over the establishment of a currency board, Investors, already jittery about prospects for Indonesia, responded yesterday by wiping 28 per cent off the value of the local currency.

Although Indonesia is de-

taching itself from the fate of other financial markets in East Asia, fears of another rout in Jakarta sent all regional currencies spiralling downwards, including an unexpected devaluation of the Vietnamese dong. All stock markets also feli but, surprisingly, Jakarta bucked

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President Subarto of In-

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question if he goes ahead with

to a stronger currency, almost the currency board. certainly the US dollar. His Yesterday Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer. officials argue that the country has the resources to make a said European Union finance ministers agreed with the IMF board work. They state that there is \$19bn (£11.6bn) in rethat it would be premature to set serves, enough to cover the 78 up a currency board system for Indonesia's rupiah. Speaking at a meeting of EU finance ministers in Brussels, he said there were a number of preconditions which had to be met first.

Pressure against the board international creditors \$74bn. has also come from the US and Many are technically bankrupt Japan, which is sending officials

The Indonesians are frustrated by the lack of positive investor response to IMF measures and increasingly

worried by the rioting in protest

against price rises. They feel

that a move to bring stability to

in Jakarta.

the rupiah will go a long way to restoring confidence in the economy. This view is not shared by anyone outside Indonesia. "No one believes this will work," said Howard Georges, viceehairman of the South China

Brokerage in Hong Kong. "A currency board will make

Indonesia a sitting duck for another attack," said Lye Thiam Wooi, a fund manager at OUB Asset Management in Singapore.

### Jobs to go as FSA trims its budget

By Andrew Verity

The City's new super-regulator vesterday revealed it would implement a cut in its budget next year - despite having to keep pace with runaway salaries in the City.

The Financial Services Authority (FSA) said the total budget for regulation would fall in the next financial year to £153.9m, a 3 per cent cut in real terms. Sixty jobs will go from the nine regulators that are being merged into the FSA, leaving 1,715 staff to carry out the

same tasks. The FSA is facing a struggle

to attract skilled staff from financial services companies while pay in the sector is rising by 9.6 per cent. Howard Davies, the FSA chairman, yesterday said more staff from the City would be welcome. But he admitted the regulator could not match some of the glittering bonuses

which are being paid this year. "On the whole, financial services institutions are not long on good quality staff. We are aiming to pay marketrelated salaries somewhere between the median and the top quartile. But we cannot match investment bank-type bonuses," Mr Davies said.

Five months after it began to fill top-level posts, the FSA is still looking for a director of investment business, a finance director, a director of supervision of exchanges and a consumer relations director.

The FSA said it would need up to 250 further staff by the year 2000, when its scope will be extended to police new areas such as the Lloyd's of London insurance market. The budget would rise when these areas came under its amhit, Mr Davies said.

Keith Oates, deputy chairman of Marks & Spencer, was yesterday appointed to be a

non-executive member of the FSA's board. He is one of two members of the 14-strong board with no regulatory background. The FSA plans to step up the

concept of the regulatory "onestop shop", to allow consumers and companies to get full advice from one point of contact.

Supervision of banks is expected to switch from the Bank of England to the FSA by 1 June, when the Bank of England Bill comes into force. The super-regulator will move its senior staff to temporary accommodation in Canary Wharf, east London, by the end of April.

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## Hopes of extra value propel BAe higher

MARKET REPORT



Hopes are running high that British Aerospace will accompany record-breaking profits on Thursday with a their shareholdings to 29.28 package of value-enhancing per cent of the capital, un-

Last year the once-ailing per cent limit. group flew in with profits of are expectations it will hit per cent-plus to 20p a share split, perhaps four-for-one.

Developments on the Arlington property side are also likely; so is the sell-off of BAe's 21 per cent sharetelephone group. It was enough to propel

BAe shares 62p higher to 1,775p, within hailing distance of their peak.

BAe has also been helped hy the success and likely flotation of Airbus Industrie, where it has a 20 per cent interest. Airbus is on the verge of getting a \$4bn Latin American order.

mance is attracting overseas 307.5p. investors. They have lifted comfortably close to the 29.5

If they stray above the £456m. This time round there ceiling the last to arrive on the off 5.5p at 28p, mounted an share register will be forced £590m, lift the dividend 25 to sell, which could depress and throw in a hefty share is thought to be near to lifting the ceiling.

The rest of the stock market turned in a solid if featureless display with \$7.5p on a management huy-Footsie climbing 37.6 points out at 90p. holding in the Orange mobile to 5,619.9, just 9.8 from its peak. With New York closed, the market was left to plough its own furtow, which contributed to the rather dull

Still the bids continued to roll. Somerfield and Kwik Save confirmed they were in "nil premium" merger discussions. Somerfield, where Asda bas displayed a passing interest, fell 3.5p to 253p

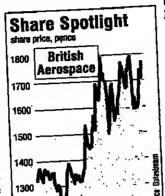
B Elliott, once a giant of the machine tool industry, added 5p to 106.5p after its 9p to 146.5p after chief exmanagement produced a ecutive Mike Metcalf left fol-£45m cash offer and among the tertiary oil shares Sibir, agreed share exchange offer for its parent, Pentex, down the price. The Government 3p at 17.5p. Car dealer Alexanders motored 5p to 19.5p after saying it was in bid talks. Healthcall, a health support group, rose 6p to

> Bass, thought to have lost the tender battle for Intercontinental Hotels and Resorts to the US Marriott International group, rose 16p to 950p. The company has cancelled analyst meetings pencilled in for this week. Ladbroke, out of the Intercontinental running, rose 1.5p to 284.5p.

Marston Thompson & Evershed, the Burton-on-

David Gordon departed. Thorn, the rental group, lost

lowing a profit warning. Chemical group Courtaulds hardened 6p to 269.5p despite sell advice from stockbroker Sutherlands. British Petroleum fell 8p to



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on another storming display as the story of a Barclays bid for National Westminster Bank went the rounds again. NatWest ended 34p (after 43p) higher at 1,174p and Barclays, figures today, closed up 45p (after touching 59p) at 1.931p. Abbey National rose 35p to 1,219p and

Lloyds TSB 27p to 900p. ML Laboratories fell 6p to 125.5p after Glaxo Wellcome dropped an option on one of its products; Shire Pharmacenticals rose 4p to 339.5p as more - 90 million. They were stockbroker Panmure Gordon cut its current year's profits forecast but lifted its estimate for the following

This year's figure bas been slashed £1.2m to £4m largely because of an acquisition. Next year's forecast is now £15m, up from £12.6m. Tadpole Technology had

another tantalising session, hitting 62p at one time. The shares closed at 46.5p, up

12.5p. They have soared from around 10p on stories of a major contract and the arrival of stockbroker Colin Blackbourn with 3.1 per cent. The company said it "has nothing new to report". The shares have become

the darling of small investors. Turnover bas been heavy. Volume was put at more than 15 million shares yesterday.

Little Bula Resources, the Irish oil group which already has more than 1.6 billion shares in issue, created a few Capital International, a US fund manager, which now has 14.7 per cent. Bula beld at lp, putting a £20m value on

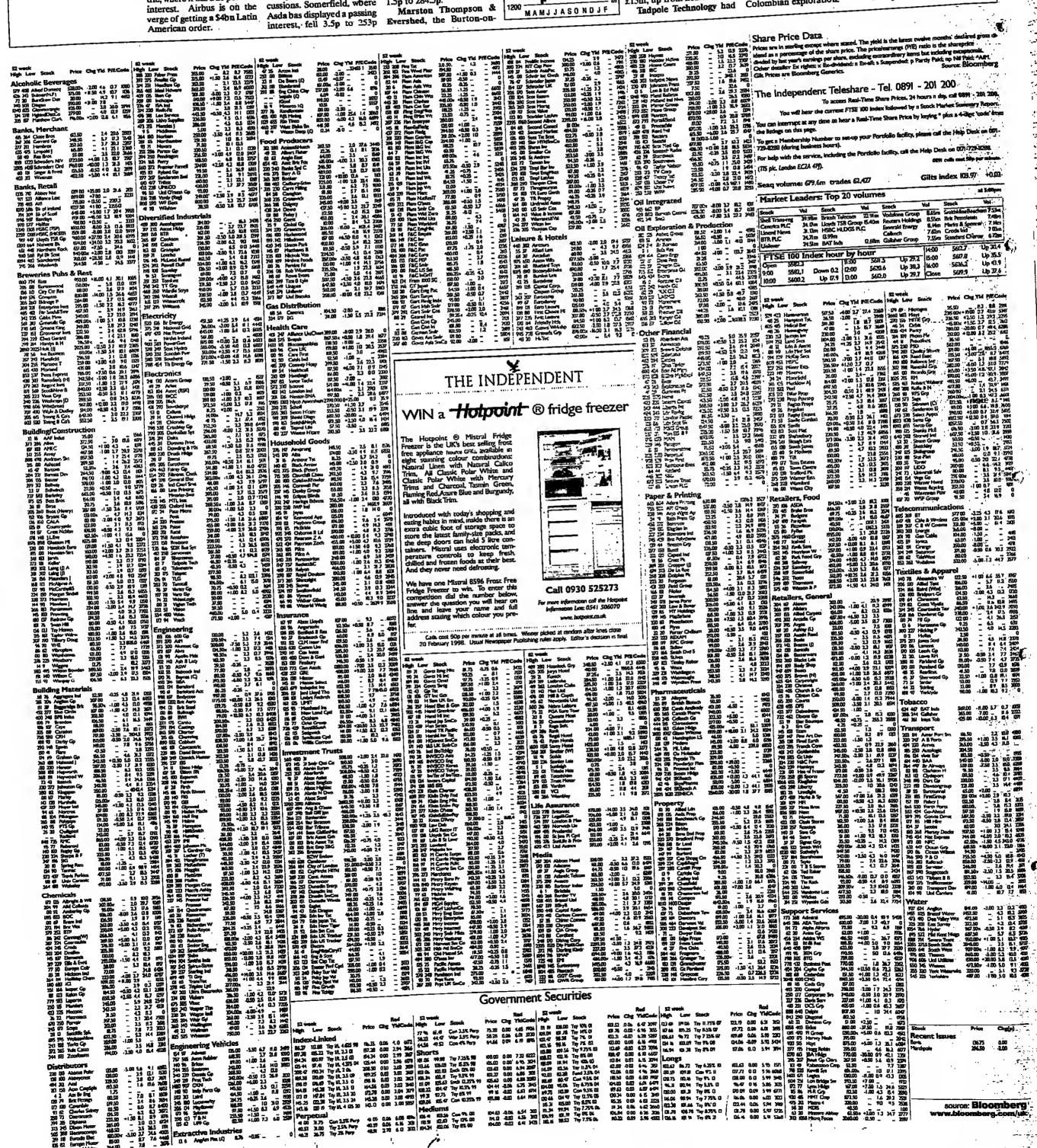
In beavy trading Emerald Energy went to a 9.5p peak, up 1p. A statement is expected this week about its Colombian exploration.

TAKING STOCK

Euro Sales Finance, which arrived on AIM at 111.5p in June 1995, jumped 35p to 210p. Interim figures, due tomorrow, are likely to emerge at more than £400,000. In its last full year Euro Sales, which specialises in providing services for small companies, produced £563,000.

Colin Forsyth, founder of the Pan Australian unit trusts, is chairman of The Sandwich Bank and Crust Co, which is on its way to Ofex. It is raising £950,000, selling shares at 30p. The group produces sandwiches, has a van sales fleet and is building a chain of sandwich

IAF, an investment linance group with interests spreading from a fleet of nine Boeings to property in Kiev, lifted interim profits 113 per cent to £1.1m and should achieve £3.6m for the year. The shares rose 5p to 117.5p, a year's high.



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# Japan needs a Thatcher revolution, not another minor fiscal boost



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HAMISH MCRAE ON AN **ECONOMY** IN A BIND

HARDLY a day goes by without some new call for Japan to reflate its economy, calls which are politely listened to - and then effectively ignored. Later this week Japan will go through the motions of making some further fiscal stimulus.

On Friday it is expected to announce an increase in the previously planned deficit for the 1998 fiscal year. But while the headline deficit will rise, in fact it will leave the overall fiscal stance pretty much as before, much to the ire of most other governments

This clash over how Japan should dig itself out of what threatens this year to be another recession has become the most serious source of dissent within the Group of Seven. There Savers were denied a proper rehave often in the past been ten-

sions within the G7. For example, during the 1980s European governments were critical of the US refusal to attack its twin deficits, the current account deficit and the fiscal one. The US, for its part, has long been critical of the Japanese refusal to attack its long-

standing current account surplus. But this disagreement over policy reveals a deep divide not just in policy prescription, but a conceptual divide over how the Japanese economy works. Both sides agree that Japan is in a bind; but they completely disagree on the appropriate tightness or otherwise of fiscal policy in this situation.

The bind is well-described in a new paper by the London investment advisers Smithers & Co, long-term Japanese specialists. It points out that the core of the problem is the combination of an ageing population and an excess of debt.

The former will restrict longterm growth while the latter will put a severe break on short-term growth. Japan needs to deregulate, but before deregulation can be successful, debt must be reduced. Cutting debt requires not only some write-offs of debts that can never be repaid, but in the longer-lerm, a shift to stock-market finance. But confidence in the stock market cannot be restored until it is clear that it has found a natural level and is not depending on the tacit support of the gov-

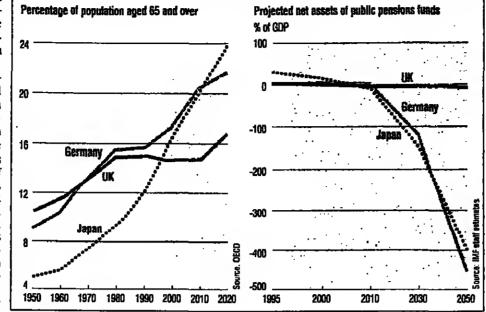
The scale of the ageing problem is shown in the left-hand graph, which charts the rise in the proportion of the population over the age of 65. In contrast to the UK, which has a hreathing space until about 2010, the proportion of over-65s rises relentlessly, year in, year out, for a generation. Germany, also shown, as much the same problem. In the view of Smithers, long-term growth in Japan is unlikely to exceed 1.5 per cent a

This is catastrophic for a bank-financed economy. The Japanese economic miracle was financed by cheap bank loans. turn on their money but this did not matter too much because rapid growth ensured that living difficult it will be. standards were rising rapidly.

Meanwhile, rapid growth also enabled banks to write off their mevitable crop of bad dehts. Now the situation is reversed. An ageing population needs a decent return on savings to pay for its retirement, while slow growth means that banks which are caught by bad debts cannot clear these by increasing their lending to other

booming sectors. The problem is further compounded by the fiscal position. Japan already has the highest running deficit of any G7 coun-





crisis in the prospective deficit large nr small, will nnt suffer. in its public pensions.

These are currently in surhand graph, will plunge into deficit in about 15 years' time. (Again, Germany has a similar problem, while the UK escapes, though largely because our publie pensions, being pegged in prices rather than wages, will be relatively low - maybe unacceptably low.)

The position of the Japanese Ministry of Finance is that it really should be tightening fiscal policy as soon as possible, for the longer it leaves the inevitable adjustment the more

It has also been pressing the banks to make an honest disclosure of their bad debt position. A couple of weeks ago the banks did produce a new assessment of their bad debts. The MoF believes this disclosed the worst case outlook, though the markets remain sceptical.

So what will happen? One crunch comes next month, when there will be a tidying-up of bank accounts prior to the end of the financial year. The authorities have given an absolute, categorical statement of support of the banks:

However, it is possible that there will be some bank rescues: plus, hut as shown in the right- it is even possible that Japan may end up nationalising some

of its banks, or at least owning equity stakes in them. Smithers does not dwell on this. Its view is more that there will be a deepening of the recessinn, an inadequate fiscal stimulus, and continued disap-

pointment. It is particularly concerned that the econnmy will be compressed by a tightening of bank credit, which is desirable in the longer term (because it will enable banks to generate mare profit and accordingly clear had debts) hut damaging to the

economy in the short. My own view is that the Japanese authorities are right in their reluctance to widen the fiscal deficit still further because any such widening is unlikely to provide the stimulus it is supposed to do.

So they cut taxes; the response by Japanese consumers will be to save the additional money, not spend it. Instead, what is needed is a combination down. of banking reconstruction and other structural reforms.

Rebuilding the banks' hal-

way which is politically acceptable to the Japanese electorate, which is understandably loath to see taxpayers' money used to bail out bad lending decisions. So the right policy will be for the state to require some form of equity participation in return of

any support. Once the banks' balance sheets are secure confidence will gradually be rebuilt. There is something close to a consensus now in Japan of what needs to be done as far as the banks are concerned.

That is a start. The next stage will be huilding a consensus on the vast array of other structural reforms - things such as land use regulations, planning controls, educational reforms and so on - that Japan needs to make.

I think Western critics of Japan often miss the point when they focus on the fiscal position. The key problems are structural and attitudinal, rather than purely financial: how to change a whole mindset which was in the past very successful, but is no langer appropriate and is now dragging the country

What Japan needs is something much more like a Thatcher revolution, not yet

### PEOPLE & BUSINESS

**JOHN** WILLCOCK



Mohamed Al Fayed, a leading London-based retailer, has paid the £36,000 legal costs of a firm of solicitors, Finers, after the lawyers sent the Sheriff of London's men to his house.

According to The Lawyer magazine, the Harrods boss had been trying to sue Emanoule Antiques of London over four pairs of candelabras which he had bought from the dealer and which he alleged were fakes.

Philip Rubens, the partner from Finers representing the antiques dealer, had already got Mr Fayed's six-year-old civil damages claim against the dealer struck out in the Court of Appeal last August.

The Appeal Court ruled that the proprietor of the dealership, Emanonel Naghi, had suffered prejudice because of the inordinate length of time the case had been hanging over him.

Under the terms of that judgment Mr Fayed had to pay Finers' costs as well as the costs of his own lawyer at DJ Freeman, Marina

When Finers' bill was not paid, Mr Rubens sued a writ of fieri facias in January and the Sheriff of London duly sent his officers to Mr Fayed's home at 60 Park Lane, London.

The Sheriff's men were refused entry. Two days later a £36,000 cheque arrived at Finers. Perhaps Tiny Rowland, Mr Fayed's old sparring partner, should give Finers a ring for a few tips.

Scotia, the unconventional drugs developer, has undergone another minor corporate reshuffle. Just two months after the departure of David

Horrobin and Sherri Clarkson, the husband-andwife team who founded the hiotech company 20 years ago, Scotia has appointed Gerry Lafferty as group services director. As such he will add the role of company secretary to that of his current post as head of medical manufacturing. The present company secretary, Kate Marr, "is leaving the company to spend more time with

her family", according to Scotin. The group's shares peaked at more than 700p in the beginning of 1997, and then tanked. They rose 2.5p yesterday to 362.5p.

Lord Blyth of Rowington, the Boots boss, is set to succeed Lord Alexander of Weedon at the helm

of Nat West, it would appear. But who is Lord Blyth? And where, for that matter, is Rowington? A Scot, educated at Spiers School and Glas-

gow University, Lord Blyth now lives in the West Midlands village of Rowington. He was knighted in 1985 and awarded a life peerage in 1995. His first big job was at Mobil Oil, where he was a director from 1963 to 1969. Since then he has been a director of Joseph Lucas, general manager of Lucas Aerospace, and head of Defence Sales at the Ministry of Defence. He has also been group managing director of Plessey, and served as chairman of the prime minister's advisory panel nn the Citizen's Charter. He lists his interests as skiing, tennis, paintings and theatre

Which is all fine and dandy, but doesn't exactly over-endow Lord Blyth with experience at running a national high street bank. There again, Lord Alexander was a leading barrister ...

There's one way for a woman to beat the so-called "glass ceiling" in corporate Britain, and that is to get in before anyone has a chance to build one.

Glass ceiling, that is. Jodi Berg, 47, a solicitor and a mother of two, has just been appointed the first ever Independent Complaints Reviewer for the Land Registry.

The Registry, which plays an important role in all property transactions, was re-awarded its Charter mark in 1995 "in recognition of the excellence of its service to the public" (it says here) and has

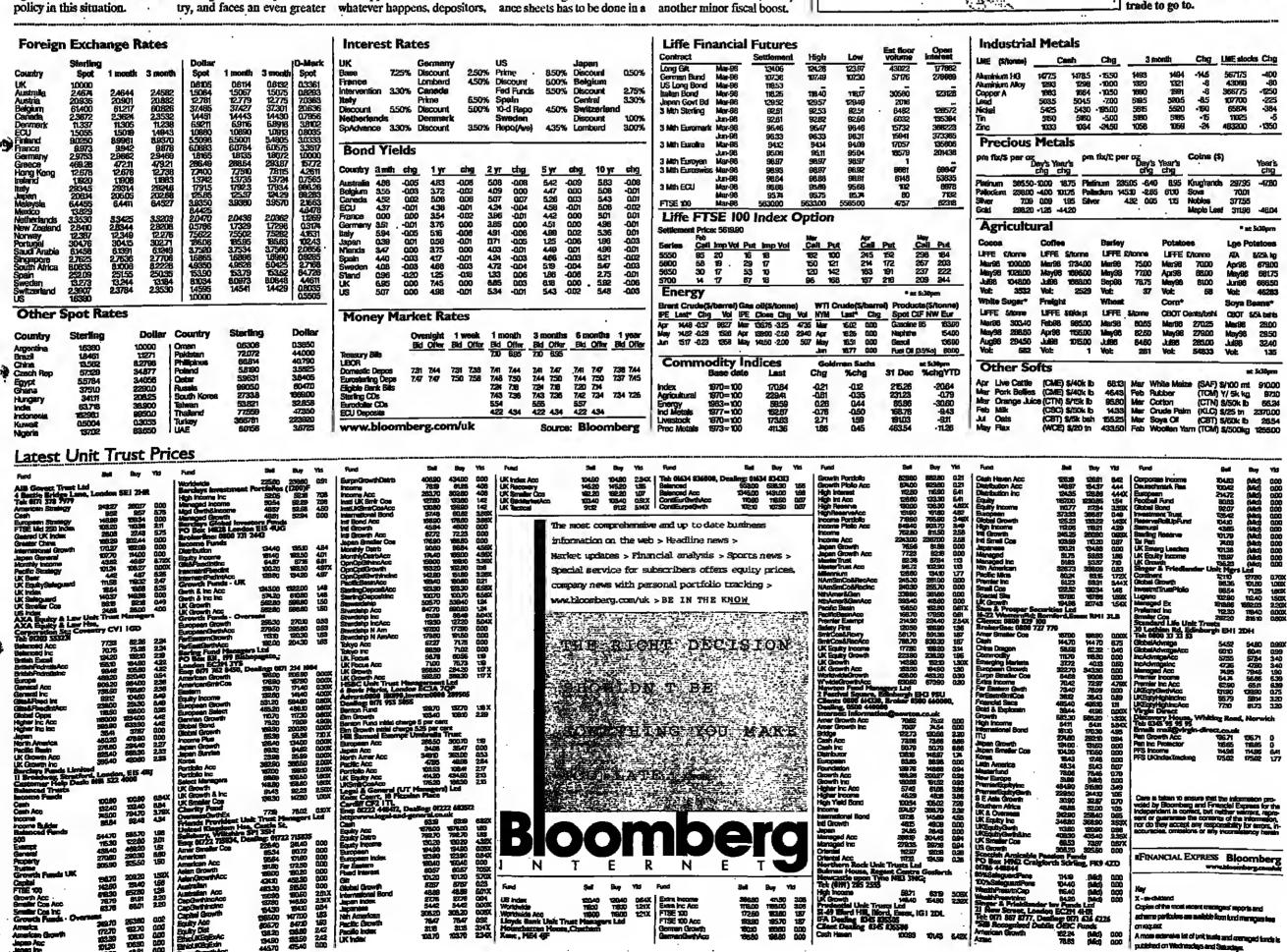
just applied for a third Charter Mark this year. Mrs Berg, currently chairman of an NHS Trust in south-east London, says: "My top priority is to ensure that members of the public and their advisors have full confidence in the fairness and impartiality of the new independent review system for the Land Registry."



Here's Nick Land, senior partner at Ernst & Young, consoling himself over the collapse of the proposed merger with the rival Big Six firm KPMG.

Is this what happens to senior partners who preside over failed merger negotiations? Happily Mr Land is merely posing in one nf the firm's fleet of staff minibuses, which have been repainted to publicise the exhibition of paintings by Pierre Bonnard, sponsored by Ernst & Young, that kicked off at the Tate gallery last week.

Mind you, if there are recriminations over the failed merger, at least Mr Land's got a trade to go to.



### Howley perfection to move Welsh up the pecking order



A scrum-half in the mould of the greats leads the principality against England on Saturday. Chris Hewett assesses Wales' No 1 dragon

THEY used to call him Stan, as tration of a narrow defeat. row forwards finds much to venue on Saturday. laugh at in Rob Howley these Perfect, has a much more ished, complete. As io too damned good in be true.

The dewy-eyed romantics who throog the terraces of the This weekend, he will be the first principality from Stradey in the west to Rodney Parade in the Bowring's decision to saddle his east still wax lyrical about a hiddeo outside-half factory tucked away deep in the valleys, and the emergence of Arwel Thomas as poisoned chalice? Not accord- made nut. I'm not saying we a stand-off in the grand tradition suggests the stardust machinery is back in full pro- about me, is it? Leadership has ductina. But what about the scrum-half factory? Gareth Edwards, Chico Hopkins, Brynmoor Williams, Terry Holmes, Robert Jones? It is a sporting Rugby has moved too far and too lineage of noble breeding, a pedigree unmatched anywhere in the rugby world.

And now the successstarved boyos have Howley as Welsh selectors five long years to see where the lean and muswas coming from, but ooce the way I like it. We simply have they installed the cerebral Kevin Bowriog as oational honestly at our contributions in coach, the pieces began to fall

Howley made his debut against England at Twickenham two years ago, scoring a fine try that went at least some er. You can't keep excusing your way towards easing the frus- defeats for ever and a day."

in Stan Laurel, but not even the No one will die of shock if he meanest of international back- manages another at the same

On that late winter's day in days. The new nickname, Peter 1996, Howley was the last Welshman out of the changing appropriate ring to it: perfect as room door ("Embarrassingly in impeccable, precise, pol- enough, I lost a stud from my boot as I walked down the tunnel and my team-mates had to wait there until I'd fixed it"). playmaker-in-chief with the added responsibility of captaincy. An unwanted burden? A ing to the new skipper.

"The captaincy is not just little to do with one bloke shouting the odds and everything to do with all 15 players taking responsibility for their actions. quickly for one person to take all the decisions that matter during the course of 80 minutes. We're working towards playing decision-makers in every position and their No I Dragoo, It took the the more of them I have around me, the easier the joh becomes.

"We're very big on selfcular maestro from Bridgeod analysis in this team and that's Ireland every time we play to be critical of ourselves, to look every phase of every match. People say we're a developing team, but the way I look at things, it's about time we stopped developing and started to deliv-

For all that, Howley has found a degree of solace in two recent reverses. The Welsh performance in Paris last season was, in his view, the best at the Parc des Princes since Graham Price's annus mirabilis in 1975. Likewise, the 40-point lesson meted out by

quite the shafting it appeared. "I'm the first to accept that the result against New Zealand to take the field, thanks to was disappointing in the extreme, but wheo you look at the game in its entirety, it's clear that we were more clusely matched than the final scoreline would have won had the bounce of the ball gone our way occasionally - of course they were the more complete side - hut 37-21 to them wouldn't have

Justin Marshall's All Blacks in

November was not, he claims,

been an unfair reflection. "Wales can be a top-six rugby nation. I've no doubt about that. Indeed, it's vital that we establish ourselves among the élite and do it quickly, because we're hosting a World Cup in 18 mooths' time. The hosts need to be contenders, not also-rans.

"How do we go about it? We start by beating Scotland and them, home and away. And we also start by moving that big English pack around the field, imposing our style of play nn them for a change and preseoting our backs with the sort of quality ball that allows them to give it a lash.

We all know the English



Rob Howley: 'It's about time Wales stopped developing and started to deliver'

already on his trail.

front, but I'm still of the apinion that whatever danger they hring to a match is to be found in their pack.

"Only eight months ago I was on a Lions tour with the Martin Johnsons, the Lawrence Dailaglios, the Richard Hills. These are big-occasino players who have shown the ability to dominate at the very highest level. They're awesome, to be honest. Stop them and you stop England. Their forward performance will have had their problems up be the key this weekend."

Howley has no urgent desire think about just at the moment, Class half-backs are rarer than radium at the moment. to leave Cardiff, however. "I've got another two years hence the clamour and chequeto run at the Arms Park, I'm book-wielding kerfuffle over

with the Welsh Rugby Union up Thomas Castaignède's matchwinning performance for tn and including the World Cup and as I'm the sort of per-France against England in the first round of Five Nations soo who is happy to honour any matches II days ago. A similarly contract with my thumb print on it. I'm giving all the speculation accomplished contribution from Howley oo Saturday will add a a wide berth." he said. "If Cardiff either wanted or fistful of noughts to his value. too, especially as a number of

take an ioterest in what might Peter Perfect's perfect perforleading English clubs are happen. But I've got enough to mance.

thanks. It's England on Saturday, you know."

Everyone in Wales knows. actually, and they can barely wait. For the first time in a decade, the great seotimentalists of world rugby are basing their predictions of victory over the English on something more substantial than nostalgic whimsy. Rob Howley is one of the needed to self me. I suppose I'd reasons why. The stage is set for

OVERALL SCORE CALCULATED ON MATCHES PLAYED FROM 8 AUGUST - 18 FEBRUARY

#### French still have Leonard on their mind

By Chris Hewett

JASON LEONARD looks a stone-cold certainty to win his 61st cap against Wales this weekend, despite the fact that the French are still on his disciplinary case. The Tricolores were adamant yesterday that footage of Leonard trampling on Thomas Lievremont, the Perpignan No 8, was in the mail. However, the alleged evidence was fast taking on the mythical proportions of Billy Bunter's postal order.

England were due to name their side this morning and Clive Woodward, the national coach, insisted he had yet to identify any thing on the tape of the Five Nations opener in Paris 11 days ago to justify his taking action against Leonard. The French have acrused the 29-year-old Hadequin of breaking Lievremont's ribs with a deliberate stamp, but Woodward commented yesterday: "I cannot see the problem.

"I would take action if neoessary; I took steps when Mantin Johnson was shown to have thrown a punch in the All Blacks game before Christmas, But I am ... not in favour of citing for things. in the heat of battle."

If Woodward was concerned about the state of anyone's ribcage, it belonged to Lawrence. Dallaglio. The England captain admitted yesterday that his popped rib cartilage was still causing discomfort and confirmed that he would not contemplate facing the Welsh unless declared 100 per cent fit.

But he added: "What makes me sore is the fact that I've been written aff by critics, who seem to know more about my current state and chances of recovery than I do. My injury is improving daily and if that continues, I will take a full part in framing towards the end of the week and then play against Wales.\* .

The Welsh were fretting over V.) Arwel Thomas, their outside half from Swansea. Thomas bruised his right knee at the weekend against Lianelli and said: "It's touch and go. Everything depends on how long the management are prepared to give me."



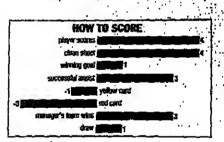
Today we publish the updated results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. The ary. Due to a technical problem, the player scores do not include this weekend's results. ner will win a trip to the World Cup finals in France next Summer.

Every time one of your players score you get four points. There are four points for a keeper or a defender every time their league table includes all scores up to 7 Febru- team keeps a clean sheet. If a player scores the winning goal. i.e.: if there is a one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the winning team is awarded 1 Updated scores will be published this Sunday. homes point awarded in addition to standard goal related points. Neither set of scores includes results from the Each successful Assist. In pass judged by our experts to lead FA Cup. The manager who is the overall win-directly to a goal, will give a player 3 points. The opinion of our experts on the matter is final. Each player selected and lowing Sunday in the Independent on Sunday. starting a game will be awarded one point.

If a player is given a fellow Card they lose 1 point, if n player is given a Red Card they lose 3 points. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count.

The Premiership Manager that you choose will be awarded 3 points if their real-life team wins, 1 point is awarded they draw and no points are given if they lose.

Updated player scores and league tables will be published every Tuesday in The Independent and repeated the fol-



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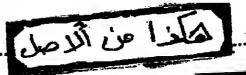
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# Turf's war intensifies in Court 13

COURT 13 at the Royal Courts al news pages of such recent liexpect - but then, since the only pictures coming out of raciog's libel trial of the century are hand-drawn "artist's impressions", which could easily be a nine-year-old's scribble, it is hard to know what to expect Flat season has been firmly has been the sceoe of a spirit- from The Strand. ed libel action brought by the trainer, Lynda Ramsden, her husband, Jack, and Kieren Falloo, the champion jockey, cerning the running and riding against The Sporting Life, and of Top Cees in the Swaffham the case seems sure to contin-

ue for a few days yet. The plaintiffs claim that they were libelled in a leading article in the Life in May 1995, after the easy success of Top Cees, trained by Lynda Ramsden and ridden by Fallon, in the Chester Cup. They believe that the article accused them of "cheating". The Mirror Group, publishers of The Sporting Life, denies libel and maintains that the article was true io substance or fact, and fair comment oo a matter of public interest. The proceedings have oot

made the impact in the oatioo-

Leicester

2.50 Totally Yours 3.20 The Moor

2.20 Colonel Blazer (nb)

Right-hand, undulating course, with stiff fences.

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bel action as those involving lan Gillian Taylforth and the layby, but in the racing press, any talk of such trifling matters as the imminent Cheltenham Festirelegated by the latest reports

All three of the plaintiffs have already taken the stand. Handicap at Newmarket three weeks before the Chester Cup. Top Cees finished fifth at Newmarket, but woo the Chester Cup by eight lengths. Other wit-

Costs are mounting amid the cut and thrust Botham and Imran Khan, or of a key libel trial. Greg Wood reports

Patrick Milmo, plus their teams,

almost £50,000 a day.

ritty, who rode Top Cees over surely the best free show in hurdles, and Jim McGrath, the town. Free, that is, for the pubpundit for Channel 4 Racing lie, but not for those involved, and a senior executive of the who are watching two of the Timeform organisation.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Macgeorge (Leicester 3.50) NB: Global Legend (Sedgefield 4.30)

Yesterday the proceedings took something of a pull before the appearance, expected (oday, Sporting Life, but even so, the nesses have included Russ Gar- cut and thrust in Court 13 was cross-examined by Milmo, rep-

resenting the plaintiffs, oo his compare the finish of the opinion of Top Cees' perfor- Swaffham Handicap to the clossaid that this was a phrase he used to indicate that a horse had most expensive QCs in the business, Richard Hartley and not been trying.

Milmo offered Amies other accumulate charges at what is examples of horses whose performances he had described in estimated to be a grand total of Giving evidence yesterday which had been ridden by Lanwas Alan Amies, the senior franco Dettori, and another which was ridden by John Reid race-reader with Raceform, publishers of the official form book, and trained by Mark Johnston. "Sometimes stables have what for more than 30 years. It is his of Thm Clarke, the editor of The job to analyse the running of I'd call sympathetic runners," every horse in a race, and he was Amies said.

Milmo also invited him to

mance in both the Swaffham ing stages of the Cesarewitch Handicup and Chester Cup. later the same season, in which Amies had reported that in the Top Cees finished third. Earli-Swaffham, Top Cces was "nev- er witnesses had given evidence er placed to challenge," and he that a gap appeared between other runners in the Swaffham Handicap which Falloo seemed slow to exploit. In the Cesarewitch, Milmo said, it had taken Top Cees a similar amount of time to get going. Amics, howthe same way, including one ever, replied that "in the Cesarewitch, the other horses were staying on. In the other race, they were going up and down on the spot." It was a tussle which pro-

ceeded in tiny footsteps, a inch gained here but then given there, and battle will be rejoined again this morning, with evidence from Clarke. Derek Thompson, from Channel 4 Racing, is also rumoured to be taking the stand at some stage this week, while Alistair Down, the Life's deputy editor and the author of the disputed article, will also be called before the respective QCs exchange their closing addressin the next seveo days. 4.20 SOMERBY JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) 23,500 added 4YO 2m Penalty Value £3,155

- 12 declared -BETTING: 18-11 Bakhar, 9-2 Femiliata, 7-1 Supremium, Biowing Avery, 20-1 Forestry, Calibbing.

997 Ford Romau (FR) 4 10 to 1 Evans 25-1 (M Pipe) 20 ran FORM OUTDS.

BAKKAR, besten half a length by list years Chempion Hundle numer-up Theatreworld in a Flat race in tretand last season and successful in his other two, best previous within a Flat race in tretand last season and successful in his other two, best previous within 170m Taker in grand style at Warwick last month on his hundling debut. As a result, Bakkar was a warm order to foldew up in Donastar's Brewers Hundle only to find fellow hish import Buddy Marvel back to his best. That must have caused connections to in-think plans, but at least there should be something in the way of compensation in this easier race, French hundles winner Fatalistic made a successful start in this country at Stratford and has a lot of use made of him in two outings since. Help possibly better than those runs make out, but a double penalty isn't going to help. Supremiser sheped fairly well behind the useful Virtuoso at Warwick on his hundling debut and atapped up on that with his second to Foreign Rule at Folkestone, a race in which the leaders went off too last. With the same be gets from Fatalistic, Supremism is the one most likely to cheep home Bakkar. Bitowing Away was fancied to upont Count Teny at Catterick if days ago and went well until put firmly in his place in the straight by the featuritie. It was a good start all the same and he should go well if this race hearth come is but too quick.

Selection: BAKKAR

4.50 CADBY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m Penaity Value £2,898

1997 Sherthmur 8 12.8 J F Titley 19-1 (Mrs Lucy Macham) 8 han FORM BUIDE DISTANT STORM has some a long way since being pulled up in a seller on soft ground at Worcester back in October won by Capitaln Marmalade from Grand Applicuse (stone) better in It it all started when Destant Storm won an Exerter seller next time of it is fating of 67 and he went on to complete a hat-inck when rated 76. He has been placed in all storoutings since, the last time in all-weather Patraces, and his second to Gutteridge at Herritord in December (from which has worked out well) gives firm every chance of confirming the form with third-placed Beryslamt. The only stumbing block there is that, while Distant Storm has time fairly busy since Beryslam has the during breat. He titled to

 Erintante, noe of the best hurdlers ever seen at Plumpton, advertised her Cheltenham chances with an impressive 17-leogth victory at the Sussex track yesterday. The Francois Doumen-trained mare has two entries at next month's Festival but is expected to run in the longer

et Beauty, 25-1 otbera Fore Romeu (FR) 4 10 12 J Evans Z-1 (M Pipe) 20 ran

20-1 Bright November. 1997 Sheriffmur B 12 8 J F Toloy 18-1 (Mrs Lucy Wednern) 6 ten

#### Racing's futures market

By Ian Davies

AFTER his victory in the Game Spini Chase at Newbury on Saturday, Ask Tom is a top-priced 3-1 with Coral and William Hill for the Queen Mother Champion Chase. Kadastrof. who ran exceptionally well for a novice to be runner-up, is a top-priced 8-1 with William Hill and the Tote for the Arkle Trophy, a price which is unlikely to last long once puoters have

digested the form-book implications of his performance. He is also 20-1 with Coral for the Queen Mother Champion Chase but will surely tackle the Arkle, for which he now holds a favourite's chance.

The Tote Gold Trophy winner Sharpical is 25-1 with William Hill for the Champioo Hurdle, while the three-length Gold Trophy runner up, Kerawi, who was conceding 11lb, is 20-1 with William Hill and the Tote.

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Value		Willem Hill	Ladbroiss	KUN
Horse (Tisker)	Com	7-1	6-1	11-2
Charaptere (M Pipe)	6-1	71-2	6-1	13-2
Derdied (N Meade/h)	<u>7-1</u>		7-1	7-1
Direct Roote (J H Johnson)	6-1	6-1	7-1	8-1
Kadastrot (R Didori)	6-1	6-1		81
	7:1	7-1	6-1	
Wade Road (Mes H Kright)		6-1	8-1	6-1
Cylor Melts (M Pipe)	doubtful	10-1	6-1	10-1
Edebrois Do Moulin (G Richards)	<u>6-1</u>		8-1	9-1
HS Society (M Monde/M)	7-1	10-1	14-1	14-1
Creck On (P Hobbs)	14-1	14-1		12-1
Queen Of Species (N Twiston-Davies)	12-1	12-1	14-1	16-1
	20-1	16-1		
Mandy's Mentino (J Giford)		28-1	14-1	15-1
Space Trucker (like J Herrington/irl)	20-1			20-1
Lake Keriba (P Nichols)	20-1	25-1		25-1
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Champio	Comi	William Hall	Ladbrokes	Tota
Horse (Tracus)	7-2	7-2	11-4	3-1
Setabras (A P O'Bren/H	8-1	11-2	5-1	8-1
Dato Star (J M Jefferson)		7:1	8-1	8-1
Shadow Leader (C Egarton)	<u> 8-1</u>		16-1	16-1
Collier Bay (J Old)	14-1	20-1		20-1
French Holly & Murphyl	18-1	20-1	10-1*	20-1
Karmer (N Treaton-Device)	16-1	20-1	76-1	
	20-1	20-1		16-1
Reficed (D Nicholson)	20-1	16-1	20-1	76-1
Samourtino (D Nicholson)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Commenche Court (T Watshirl)		25-1	76-1	14-1
Sharpical (N Handerson)	76-1		33-1	33-1
Graphic Equation (A L T Moore/ri)	35-1	33-1		16-1
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Queen Mothe	r Charr	pion Cha	ase (2m)	
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Ceiron Devis(A.L.T Moore, M)	41	7-2	9-2	4-1
One Men (G Ficherds)	5-1	5-1	41	9-2
Viking Flegable (D Nicholson)	11-2	5-1	5-1	5-1
	7-1	B-1	8-1	7-1
Or Royal (M Pipe) Cult Equiname (P Nichols)	16-1	20-1	16-1	76-1
Kachestrof (R Dichin)	20-1		12-1	
	25-1	20-1	-25-1	25-1
Celbate (C Marri)	25-1	40-1	33-1	40-1
Lord Dorcet (J.I.A Charlion) Accis (Gramen (N Twister-Davisis)	40-1	80-1		40-1

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Horae (Trainer)	Comi	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tota
Zaterahed (D Nicholson)	9-2	7-2	4-1	42
Rekmatch (M Pipe)	12-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Darragnous (A P O'Brien, irl)	10-1	14-1	12-1	16-1
Ison County Xrees (D West, Ir)	14-1	16-1	14-1	12-1
Rainbow Protein (M Pipe)	. 14-1	18-1	16-1	16-1
Snow Dragon (N Mostle, IIQ	16-1	18-1	10-1	15-1
City Hall (Mrs V Ward)	20-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Bouseon (N Twiston Davies)	25-1	25-1		25-1
Baddy Mervel (O Sherwood)	16-1	25-1		20-1
Supply And Demand (G L Moore)	25-1	20-1	25-1	25-1
Real Estate (C Nicholeon)	33-1	25-1	_	_

Cheltenham Go	ld Cup (	Chase (3r	n 2f II0yds)	)
Horse (Trains)	Coral	William Hill	Lacthrokes	Tota
See More Etypiness (P Nichols)	7-2	4-1	4-1	3-1
Dorane Pricie (M Hourigan/Irt)	-5-1	-5-1	4-1	-5-1
The Grey Monk (G Richards)	9-1	6-1	8-1	8-1
Skray Bay (C Brooks)	10-1	12-1	10-1	10-1
Cyborgo (M Pipe)	12-1	14-1	10-1	12-1
Strong Promise (G Hubbard)	18-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Addington Boy (G Richards)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Rough Quest (T Casey)	18-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Cool Dawn (R Alner)	33-1	33-1	_	33-1

#### Arkle is Dickin's favoured Cheltenham target for Kadastrof

Kadastrof's performance in finishing second to Ask Tom in the Game Spirit Chase at Newbury go for the Arkle but he will he ground was dangerously hard." on Saturday has left his train-

er, Robin Dickin, in B quandary. the five-day stage and I will take Dickin has to choose betweep the Queen Mother

3.50 Macgeorge 4.20 Bakkar

GOING: Hurdles course - Good to Soft (Soft in places); Chase course - Good to Firm

Minimum weight: 10st Taxe hundicap weight: Bourbon County 9st 10th. BETTING: 5-2 Colonel Blazes, 7-2 Gaelle Blue, Neucat, 4-1 Docs Dilesmos, 8-1 Regal Aura, 20-1

Bourbon County.

1997: MacGeorge 7 to 9 A Meguire 7-4 fav (R Lee) 8 ran
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While this may be short of GAELIC BILLIE's best distance, this is a soffer course than
given credit for and them may not be any hanging sround, because Dace Dillemme should
be able to force the pace in this small field, something that was deried from at Towcester
lest time. Prior to that, Docs Dilemme had made a lot of the nunning and hung on from
Naughty Future and Sister Posza here over an extra three furlongs. He can be expected to do better than the Towcester race, in which Gaelic Blue firsthed a distant fourth.
That was the third time in three outings this seeson that Gaelic Blue had died in the closing stages, though the time he ran a lot better than the bear exalt suggests in his first
outing since before Christmes. He may now be coming to his best and he had winning
form on this faster ground lest year Colonel Ellizar is out to put a moderate show at
Teurston behind him. That was over a more outsolds thy than he had won at Windoor on
his chasing debut and the only reason can have been that he lound the ground too testing. If it seems be has a tough test for a novice giving weight to handlooppers, he is only
a pound higher than his last winning mark over hundes and is still the one they all have
to beat. Regel Aura's best performance was his detect of Surfolk Road's stablemate Nescof.

Selection: GAELIC BLUE

2.50 VICARAGE CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,658

4.50 Distant Storm

Chase as a Cheltenham target. confirmed for both races at

it from there," Dickin said. recent run of bad luck with in-"The joy was he proved he juries has finally come to an end. Hurricane Lamp at Kemptoo's es. A verdict is anticipated with-Champion Chase or the Arkle could handle firmer ground, al-The jockey's consultant, Dr Christmas meeting.

"My gut feeling is that he will for Cheltenham would be if the the Irishman for his Leicester Adrian Maguire returns to race-riding today hoping his

though my biggest nightmare Michael Foy, yesterday cleared return after examining the radius bone Maguire broke in his right hand following a fall from the David Nichnlson-trained

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In between winning at Plumpton in December and Huntingdon on Thursday, TOTALLY YOURS cought a tartar in Americanval at Wincarton. The Huntingdon win, achieved in commanding style, may have been her fifth of the seeson, yet for all that she is for from winnible and Highbank and Falle And Fanny are tirely to give her plently to thris about. Highbank put a couple of moderate runs in handcape behind him with a good third against Auburn Boy and Girmhe in a statumer at Huntingdon when he last most on early December. He wouldn't need to step up much on their (and he's done a lot before in the post) to make a race of it. Fair And Fency hear just missed out under big weights in sellors in two of his last three starts and in the other won going away over boday's course and defrace he gets 3to from the mare Totally Yours and has to be a threat. Shahrani is struggling this season and has finished behind stablemate Totally Yours and Highsank. Bearing and Eurollink The Lud, an alt-weather Four win task April, could be before abernatives, but the may not be a sufficient test of staming for Test Marich. Selection: TOTALLY YOURS

Pright-hand, undutating course, with stiff fences.  Resecourse is 2 miles south-east of city off A6. Lecester railway station (London, SI Pancaras - Sheffield line) over 2 miles eway. ADM(SSION: Club £13; Tattersalls £10 (OAPs 55). Prices can east 50 staters.	Eur	is season and has finished behind stablemate Totally Yours and Highbark. Benny and urofinik The Lad, an all-weather Flot will last April, gould be better alternatives, but the ay not be a sufficient test of stamma for Test Marich. Selection: TOTALLY YOURS
● LEADING TRAINERS (5-YEAR RECORD), M. PILO 10 MINISTER CAR PARK: Free	3	THURNBY MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m If Penalty Value £3,236
D Nicholson 13-53 (24.5%), N Twiston-Davies 10-37 (27%), N Henderson 9-26%),  LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 14 winners from 49 ndes (28.6%), M A Fitzgerald 11-52 (21.2%), W Marston 11-72 (15.3%), C Llewellyn 7-40 (17.5%).  FAVOURITES; 83 wins from 299 races (34.6%), BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Silevenemon (2.50).	1 2 3 4 5	PIP-50 ACERBUS DULCIS (F18) (George N Hooke) M Chapman 7 to 5
2.20   WREN HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,379   1 +444   CLONEL BLAZER (26) (BF) (T W Biddeconbe) Miss H Knight 8 m 10 J F Tibley	67891011212169	PF-65 DRAGOKS BAY (24) (8F) (F C W Owen) Mr. M Penckry 9 11 5
- B decision -	10	UPUDP ORCHO HOUSE (29) (Smort Bullingre) Mes H Kright 8 11 0

3.50 TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £7,000 added 2m 7f 110yds Penalty Value £5,390 Distant Storm has been fairly busy since, Beryfrum has had a nice break. He felled to pull out extra at Hersford after hitting the first last, and even though he reopposes on sightly worse terms, he is the fresher horse. Plat winner Darrey shaped really well when third behind Upgrade and Real Estate at Kempton first time out and took on smart juve-nies again there next time. Bringing him out at Windsor five days letter was probably a mistake and he was a disappointing fevourite, but if he can put that behind him a very good case can be made out for him with his inder taking a handy 7tb off. Blightly Spe-ciet continued to run well after winning at Uttowster in June and has had a break since and November. If he comes back in the form of he half-length second to an in-form No-bie Tom at Falsanham in October he wouldn't be far away off the same mark.

Royal Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle rather than the Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle. Erintante was ridden by the trainer's son Thierry. (SETTING: \$-2 Silver hillrar, 4-1 Sleging Send, 9-2 Sold Bose, 8-7 Kildrareny Castie, 8-1 Val De Rame, 12-1 Counterbalance, Nijewy, Blazing Desm, 25-1

4.30 ST EDMUNDS NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 5f 3.30 TOTE NOVICE CHASE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m 3f4 P-FOST COPPERAIRST (25) W Kerp 7 to 2 \_\_\_\_ R MoGrath (3) 5-46F ALWAYS A PALIPER (12) S Fiberatrich 8 to 10 \_P Carberry - LP902 APACHE RADER (11) F Murphy 8 to 10 \_\_\_ E Calleghen - 4000PS BASY JAVE (14) J H Johnson 8 to 70 \_\_\_\_\_ A Dobbit - 10400B CASTLE RED (11) J Web 7 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_ K Johnson /-FPF FOREVER SHT (14) Min K Lamb 10 to 10 mine 5 Lamb (7) - 40000 GALER (24) (20) Min M Revoley 7 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_ P Miver 8 6344PO MOONLIGHT VENTURE (46) M Tochrate 6 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_ P Miver 8 

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5.00	)	SEDGEFIELD MAIDEN NH FLAT (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m 1f
1		ASHLEY COTTAGE (85) J A Moore 8 11 8 Mr 8 Swiers
2	œ	BROWFORD HOUSE (83) G M Moore 511 8.M Hanney (7)
3	-	CARTOFF DANCER T Essienty 5 ft 8
	12	COOLAW (12) F Murphy 5 TI B
	8-	MICHANDRA BOY (366) M Wane 5 ft 8 N Horrocks (8)
5		SYLCAN EXPRESS (14) C Grant 5 11 8_ Mr S Durack (5)
7	ō	THAT MAN (14) J Wade 5 ti 8 C McCorreck (5)
	_	LINDORES ABBEY J Dodds 8 11 5
		LITTLE TWIGT The 5113L Cooper (7)
10	0	WINNENG BED (14) P Seasmont 5 11 3 B Greiten (5)
27	_	BARKINGATTHEMOON J Markle 4 to 12 E Husbargt (3)
2		HELMSLEY PLETH T Easterby 4 10 12F Leeby (5)
19		PETERSEN HOUSE GM Moore 4 10 12
14	0	MARTHA'S MOONSTONE (31) T Emetrby 4 10 7 10 Lee - 14 decirred -
DETTING.		
SE I SHAZE		Coolers, 5-1 Sylcan Express, Helmsley Flier, 7-1 Cartof

- 10 declared - A McGrath (3)
- 10 declared - Historium weight: 10st. Two hardings weight Kildrammy list bib, Grey Declared 8st 7sb, Shullan 8st 7sb. Denose, 8-1 Little Twig, 10-1 Marthe's Moonstone, 14-1 Petersen House, 20-1 others

#### Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Advance East 8 Brackenthweite 9st 12b. BETTING: 4-1 Northern Massitro, 9-2 A Day On The Dub, 8-1 Stones-by, 8-1 Thunderpoint, 18-1 Most Wanted, 12-1 Victor Laszle, Lymax, 14-1 others Sedgefield BETTING: 5-2 Flying North, 8-1 Executive Design, 8-1 Fetebalkinis, 7-1 Break The Rules, 8-1 Bures, 10-1 Eden Dencer, 12-1 others

HYPERION  2.00 A Day On The Dub 2.30 Rusk 3.00 Flying North 3.30 Apache Raider 4.00 SINGING SAND (nap) 4.30 Rye Crossing 5.00 Little Twig  GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).	2.30 AYCLIFFE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) 53,000 added 2m 5f 110yds 1 P2R0 BALLYDAVED (388) J H Johnson 6 11 7Michael Brannam (2) 2 00PP CAMERADW (67) J Macde 7 11 7
© Left-hand, undusting course. Easy fences and long run-in.  © Course is fin SE of fown near juristion of A689 and A77. Stock- tion station (8m) or Durham station (12m). ADMISSION: Paddock (S (OAPs £4); Course £2. CAR PARIK: £2, rest free.  © LEADING TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley 67-233 (288%), J H John- son 20-163 (£23%), G M Moors 18-144 (£17%), J West 15-165 (£1%).  © LEADING JOCKEYS: L Wyer 22-107 (208%), A Dobbin 15-143 (105%), J Supple 14-74 (£975), G Lee 13-58 (£24%).  © FAVOURITES: 227-587 (\$87%).  ELINKERED FIRST TIME: Thurderpoint (£00), Nutry Solera (£00), Advance Eest (£00), Caherlow (visored, £30).	Deport
IO GO LEVY BOARD NOVICE HANDICAP HUR-	30 PHAR CLOSER (3) W Kemp 5 11 2C McCormack (5) - 18 declared -

3	3.00	TRIMDON HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 1f
1	5-SP84	EXECUTIVE DESIGN (17) (D) Mrs M Reveloy 5 12 0 G Law
2	142115	BURES (60) (CD) Mrs J Brown 7 11 2 E Calleghan
3	152-0	BREAK THE PLACES (10) (D) D Noticle 8 11 0_F Leeby (3)
4	FL555	DURANO (53) T Easerby 7 to 13L Wyer
5	12144	PLYING MORTH (17) (BF) Mrs M Reveley 5 to 8 P Niven
ě	2134F	
7	194FF5	EDEN DYNCER (14) (CD) 1 H TOLLBOL R JD D V O GUNER
8	130-00	GLENUGIE (88) (CD) G M Moore 7 to 8 N Bentley
9	T4-15	CHADWICK'S GRIGER (NY) (U) W Terring 10 108
10	-3B4U0	ADVANCE EAST (5) M Dods 9 to 0A Dobbin B
ñ	315/2-	BRACKENTHWAITE (P29) A J Lockwood 8 to 0

- 11 declared -

	2	.40	RHONE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m
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	1		DIGPAST (5) (CD) J Bridger 8 8 9 G Bardwell 1 B
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	3	125-65	KAFIL (USA) (10) (CD) J Bridger 4 88 _R Studitohne (7) 9
			TRANSPORTER (29) (C) Mrs. J Caci 4 H 3
	4	2112	MR FROSTY (8) (C) W Jerve 68 10 S Sanders 8
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	8	0000-5	MELLORS (10) (C) M Heston-Elle 5 9 8
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	8	204-34	HOMESTEAD (12) ID) IN PROPERTY OF A COMMON IS
	10	000-06	SOOTY TERM (24) (CD) J M Bradley 11 83 S Drowne 5
	-		_ 15 declared _
			Mr Frosty, 4-1 Falled To HR, 9-2 Ertion, 5-1 Mozambique
	BET	TING: 50	Marions 16-1 Kell, 20-1 others
•			- 14.1 Maiors, 16-1 (Mai, 4)-1 (CARS

3.10 J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE AWT COURSE RECORD HANDICAP (E) £3,750 3YO 6f

- 15 doctored -BETTING: 7-2 Apache Faider, 4-1 Galon, 9-2 Silzers Stalles, 7-1 The Wasp, 8-1 Copportures, Peerl's Choice, 12-1 Beby Jako, 18-1 others

4.00 JACK BRITTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 110yds

1921 COUNTERBALANCE (929) (B) J McCorroctio 11 2 0

3.40 AWESOME POWER CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m 2f DHITTSON 1

B-122 ANONTM (27) (BF) C Alon 882 Merio Delyer 8 B

211-2 PRIVATE DESPATCH (14) (CD) M Quim 680 Merio 680 A

A McCartly (S) 5

D02-32 AWESCIME POWER (24) (CD) (BF) J His 2 69 A Clark 2

DISSLIDSONED (A) 6 Wrignor 4 9 6 P McCabe (3) 3

0-0 SURATOO SAM (41) J M Stadley 4 8 5 S Drowns 4

- 6 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Threadscools, 11-4 Anonyo, 4-1 Private Despatch, 5-1 Asse-

4.10 AISNE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 2f 

8 33-53 BLLADDIE (19) (CD) R Flower 57 10 R Britains (7) 4
8 33-53 BLLADDIE (19) (CD) R Flower 57 10 Deline 7
96:TTNG: 9-4 Briffight Red, 9-2 Yough Leader, 5-1 Chairmens Choice, 8-1 Be Warned, 8-1 Polar School, Rossen Reel, 19-1 Billeddie, 12-1 Adamton.

4.40 GIRONDE HANDICAP (CLASS F) 23,000 added 1m 4f 14 Fentog 4 50 RETURN OF THE MAC (24) (CD) M R Booky 8 8 2

5 fav; 2. Wontcostalothut 33-1; 3. Strong Choice 25-1. 14 nm. 17, 10. (F Doumen. France), Tota: £130; £130, £330, £430, DF: £890, CSF: £1903, Trio: £2200, NPs: Built

### 4.20: 1. THE MAJOR GENERAL (Mr J Tizzard) 5-6 fay 2. High Pedre 3-1; 3. Ti-fest Lad 4-1 6 ran. 16, 1/. (A Barber, Beamin-ster). Tota: E160; 5:10, C260 DF: 5:290. CSF: S365. NF. Rightsaktred. 4.50: 1. MARYJO (M Betchelor) 20-1; 2.

Country Tarquin 7-1; 3. Night in A Million 14-1 11 ran. 7-2 fav Selaman (4th). hd, 6. (G.L. Moore, Brighton). Tote: \$33,00; 25.30, 22.0, 22.0. DF: \$20,90. CSF: \$148.49. Tri-cast: \$1,887.30. Thio: \$154.30.

1.40: 1. CATS BOTTOM (J Quint) 5-2 fav: 2. Inclination 5-1; 3. Paleosgate Jo 11-1 9 ran. 5, 21/L. (A Newcombe). Tota: £2.80; £110, £2.40, £700. DF: £410. CSF: £1518. Tri-cast: £112.88. Trio: £8.90.

2:10: 1 MADMAN'S MERAGE (D Holland) 10-1; 2. Ellenbrook 9-2; 3. Somidar 7-2: 15 ran. 11-4 tax Arcene Star (#1), 7, hd. (M John-ston). Tible: C790; 52:20, 52:10, 52:00. DF; 23140. CSF; 552:20. Tildam: \$165.82. Tho:

2.40: 1. KINGCHIP BOY (P McCabe) 4-

218.27.
3.40: 1. DUKHAN (K Falor) 10-1; 2. Bathe
In Light 6-2 tor; 3. Acolina 5-1 8 ran. 5, 5.
(E Aiston). Tota: £1850; £270, £210, £200.
DF: £24.50. CSF: £33.78. Tric: £3750.

4.10: 1. HONEY STORM (R Perham) 6-4 fax; 2. Bunniss Own 11-4; 3. Bini Nacila 6-1.9 ran. 1½, 1½. (M Channon). Tota: \$250; \$100, \$140, \$160. DF: \$260. CSF: \$542. Trio:

Placepot £420, Quadoot £390. Place 5: £313. Place 5: £2.23. SOUTHWELL

2.00: 1. FURONY GENIE (R Beierry) 38-1; 2. Dovetto 6-1; 3. Marigilemo 7-1; 4. Oxbridge Lady 2-1; 18 rars. 9-4 fay Studio Thirty 56), 4, 2%, 0frs. 1 Taylor, Chipping Warden) Tota: SRID: 2550, 2210, 210, 2200. DF: 224100, CSF: 225917, Tricest: £194388. Trice 224100, feets warp model of 233 92 ex

HEREFORD

Racing results

Tric: 226040 (part won, pool of 2333.82 to Sedgefield 200 today).
2.50: 1. GRATOMI (S For, 11-4 fay; 2. Winnow 10-1; 3. Begellino 13-2; 4. Finnigan Pree 11-1 16 ran. 3, 8 (P Ritchens, Tidworth, Hampehre). Tota: \$460; £280, £120, £230, £460, DF: £2220. CSF: £3214. Trio-set: £7305. Trio-

22.30, E460, DF: 222.20, CSF; £32.14, Trio-set: £178.05, Trio: £72.30, 3.00: 1, MADAM MUCK (C Llewellyn) 8-3 tay; 2. Be in Spece 10-1; 3. Tars Gale 6-1, 14 ran, 9, 2. (N Twiston-Davies, Chel-tenham), Totes £1.70; £1.90, £2.60, £1.60, DF; £3.30: 1, MRISIC PILEASE (R Johnson) 3-1 fay; 2. Dr Rocket 4-1; 3. O My Love 25-1; 4. Fichu 14-1, 17 ran, 8, B (Mas V Williams, Harraford), Rater £0.20; £1.60, £4.50, \$4.50, DF; £1.40, CSF; £7.74, Triosst £7.7792, Trio-Hereford), Total E4227, E1234, E4434, E4634, E4634, E4634, CSF; E1740, Tricast; E27792, Tric: 2.40: 1. KINGCHIP BOY (P McCabe) 4-54x; 2. Zalotto 3-1; 3. Rock latend Line 6-1.6 mm. 1½, 5. (M Ryan) Tota: \$1.70, £1.80. £1.80. DF: \$2.30. CSF: \$2.90. 3.10: 1. RAED (6 Duffield) 3-1; 2. Moon-rating 9-2; 3. Jamalcan Flight 20-1.6 mm. 5-2 tav Yarob (4th), 3, ½. (Mrs A Swinbank). Tota: \$2.70; £1.50, £2.70. DF: £3.90. CSF: £3.27.

2532:0.
4.00: 1. LITTLE SERENA (D.J. Burchel)
10-1; 2. King of The Blues 9-4 fav; 3. Tommys Webb 20-1, 16 ran. ½, 29. (J. Harriman, Tredegar). Toke: 2115; 2530, 2190, 2580, .
DF: 21680. CSF: £3194. Tho: £22780. NR:

Allegro Prince,
4.30: 1. BUZZ O'THE CROWD (Mr 0
Also-Harley) 5-1; 2. Cabin Hill: 12-1; 3. Scarlet Berry 5-1; 15 ran. evens for Mes MBbrook (pulled up). 4, 11, (Miss A Hande),
iminister) Totac 55:70; 51:30, 57:50, 52:20. DP:
517781 (SSF- 59:69) This (SSSF) (Institute) Inviented: Total: ES-70; E130, E7050, E320, DF: £1730, CSF: £0962, Trio: £18260 (pert won, pool of £3162 to Sedgefield 2.00 today).

5.00: 1. A S JiM (H Oliver) 9-4; 2. Winter Rose 14-1; 3. Supermick 11-8 fax 9 ran. 3, 4, (O Orive), Cheltonhami, Total: £300, £140, £350, £100, DF: £1680, CSF: £3258, Trican: £553, £100, DF: £1680, DF: £1680,

Jackpot: not won (poci of £4,088.72 to Sedgafeld today). Placepot: £45900. Quadpot: £22.40. Place 6: £215.38. Place 5: £35.35.

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1.50: 1. GLOWING PATH (Sophis Michell)
14-1; 2. Storm Tiger 4-6 far; 3. Derishay 91.7 rm. 114, ½, (F. Hodges, Somerton). Total
250: 0. SSAO, E140. DF: E770. GSF: 22282.
220: 1. CURICLE OF MAGRIC (AP MicCoy)
11-10 far; 2. Alpine Mussic 7-1; 3. Not Forgotten 7-1. 10 ran. sht-hd, 114. (M Pipe,
Wellington). Total 250; 270; 220; 2190. DF:
253: 0. GSF: 2583. Trio: 22470. NR: Mineylad.
250: 1. ESPERANZA N (F. Thomson). 115; 2. Amazon Liby 11-0 far; 3. Penetrusion:
12-1.6 ran. 2. dist. (M Roberts, Halisham).
Tota: 2230; 2190, E100. DF: 2190. GSF: 2320.
3.20: 1. DONTLEAVETHENEST (N
Williammon) 6-4 far; 2. Head For Heaven 18-Williamon) 6-4 fer; 2. Head For Hennen 16-1; 3. Thiradley Night 5-2 7 nm. 22, 7, (R Curtis, Epsom), Tota: 5220; 5150, 5360 DF: 52030, CSF: 52238 3.50: 1. ERINTANTE (Mr T Doumen) 1-

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2590.
4.40: 1. WELCOME LU (F Norton) 6-1;
2. Molly Music 5-1; 3. Cabcharge Blue 92.7 ran. 2-1 fav Spanish Knot. 8, 8 (J.L. Harris) Tota: £18.70; £780, £120 DF: £58.20 CSF: £48.70. Thoast. £271.79. NR: Girl of My Dreams. Placepot: £910. Quadpot: £3.30. Place 8: \$2040 Place 5: \$1028 THE INDEPENDENT RACING SERVICES 0891 261 LIVE COMMENTAGIES RESULTS LEICESTER 971 981 SEDCEFIELD 972 973

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(nap) 4.30 Hye Crossing 5.00 Little Iwing
GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

Left-hand, undulating course. Easy lences and long run-in.

Course is in SE of town near junction of A889 and A777. Stockton station (9m) or Durham station (9m). ADMIRSSION: Paddock 88 (OAPS £4); Course 52. CAR PARK: 52, rest free.

LEADING TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley 67-233 (287%), J H Johnson 20-163 (223%), G M Moors 15-144 (187%), J Wade 15-155 (31%), O LEADING JOCKEYS: L Wyer 22-107 (201%), A Dobbin 15-143 (197%), J Supple 14-74 (187%), G Lee 15-58 (224%).

FAVOURITES: 227-587 (38.7%)

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ELINKERED FIRST TIME: Thurderpoint (200), Nutry Solera (200), Advance East (200), Caherlow (visored, 230). 2.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICE HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £2,900 added 2m 11 2.00 DLE (CLASS E) £2,900 added 2m 11

2.55F THENDERPOINT (32) (CD) T Easterby 8 Ti 11 ... Where 8
2 \$1054 BAHER (USA) (3) (D) S Cairt \$1 15 ... Miles R Clark (5)
3 D-0P55 A Day On THE DUB (11) T libs 5 Ti 4 ... R Garriby
4 F-3106 STONESBY (32) G M Moore 8 To 72 ... J Callaghan
5 43-55 SWANDALE FLYER (F22) N Bycroft 8 To 10 ... A Dobbia
6 E2-5FD FIRST LIGHT (33) J OLIVIN 8 TO 8 ... E Callaghan
7 6-63 VICTOR LASZLO (63) R Allan 8 To 7 ... P Niver
8 OP5 AMF (12) Mrs H Welton 8 To 5 ... Br A Welton
8 OP5 MITTY SOLERA (14) C Parker 8 To 5 ... Br A Welton
10 05045 SEGALA (F8) J J O'Noll 7 To 4 P Carbarry
11 40-255 DIG FOR GOLD (137) R Woodhouse 8 To 1 ... W Dives
2 300 SOLIANDAMANIA (S3) J Norton 5 To 0 ... B Gratten (5)
3 4-100 MOST WANTED (63) (D) W McRecon 5 To 0 ... B Gratten (5)
14 03336 NORTHERN MASSTRO (11) Mrs M Reveley 4 To 0 ... G Like
15 050-50 LORD PAT (47) Miss K Miligan 7 To 0 ... R McGrath (5)
16 S55 LYMAX (S2) J H Johnson 4 To 0 ... A B Scatth
Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Most Wanted Set 12th, Month10 Milestro Set 11th, Lord Pat Set 11th, Lymax Set 11th.

Lingfield

2.10 Mac's Back 2.40 Falled To Hit 3.10 Fast Franc 3.40 Threadneedle 4.10 Brilliant Red 4.40 Chingachgook

RETTING: 8-11 Simist, 9-4 Mac's Back, 6-1 Weldon, 14-1 Mismournew

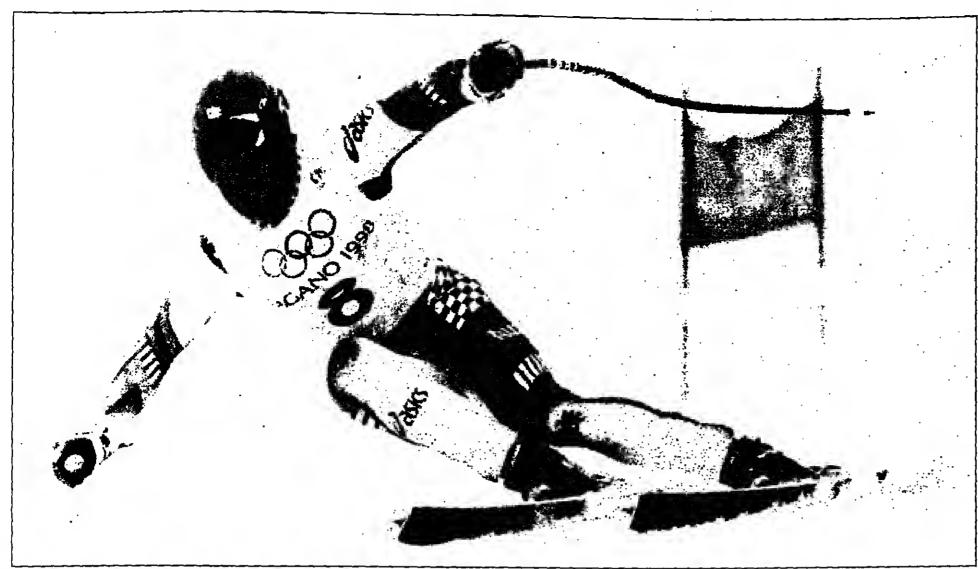
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HYPERION

GOING: Slow.
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O Left-hand, sharp course StD. CAR PARK: Cub SI; nast free.
MISSION: All enclosures StD. CAR PARK: Cub SI; nast free.
O LEADING TRAINERS: D L Moore 78-835 (SI SI); M Johnston
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2.10 DORDOGNE MEDIAN AUCTION MAID-EN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 3YO 1m 



Comeback king: Hermann Maier put his fall in the downhill behind him to power to victory in the super-G on Mount Karamatsudate yesterday

### Fall and rise of the Herminator

played out on the slopes of Mount Karamatsudate vester- Japanese culture. day - the fall and rise of Hermann Maier.

Three days after his fearful tumble in the men's downhill. the Austrian whose awesome size and power have earned him the nickname of Monster, or The Herminator, returned to win the Olympic gold medal which so many people had forecast for him hefore these

His time of 1min 34.82sec in the super Giant slalom left him more than half a second ahead of his nearest challenger. Didier Cuche of Switzerland, with his Austrian team-mate. Hans Knauss, taking the bronze in the same time.

stances of his crash, it was extraordioary that the 26-yearold former bricklaver was still walking and talking, never mind skiing. Just 17 seconds into the downhill course, he had takeo off at the turn which caused problems to a succession of the competitors and smashed through two safety nets before coming to rest, prostrate oo his front. 125 metres further on.

If you believed in portents, they were not good. The race

the 18th Winter Olympics was was skiing fourth - a number

The Herminator, however, was unterminated.

Despite sustaining shoulder and knee injuries which caused sialom competitioo, the man who has dominated this seasoo's World Cup competitioo returned yesterday to awesome

Since breaking into the Austrian team two years ago, Maier has established the reputation of a man who takes fearful risks, a racer hest viewed through half-open fingers. But I have ever had, I walked away even he approached this first from it because the next com-

ALPINE SKING

Winter Olympics results and timetable

THE MOST dramatic story of was on Friday 13th, and Maier Mike Rowbottom reports on the risks which represents death in that paid off for a bricklayer with attitude

race back with an element of petitor had to come down, but

"It was a problem for me mentally," he said, "I needed to him to miss the following day's come through the first gate to in competition again, I wasn't scared to go out there again, but I was anxious. The crash is something which keeps going over and over in my head - even more so oow I have won the gold. I do not know how I escaped from it to be able to race again. It was the worst accident and even then I'm not sure."

CROSS-COUNTRY SKING

ski again after the accident but I could not be a fool." the doctors spent all day treating me." gold here was a stupeodous

But while he was able to face up to a 650-metre descent overcome the harrier of being through 35 gates, the idea of watching his own video nasty something that has been replayed worldwide - scares him to death.

"I've not watched it on TV because I can't," he said. "If I do see it, it won't he hefore the with a grin - and took up his end of the World Cup season -

Yesterday's race will make far easier viewing for him. "It

Austrian team in 1996 after being dropped by the national skiing programme at the age of 15

Predicted or not to win a

achievement for a man who only

forced his way hack into the

following a knee injury. Since he gave up his trade -"I laid my last brick on October 26, 1995 at 3pm," he said passion, he has made himself

both rich and famous. But there was lingering resentment over the circum-

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wasn't a perfect race, and I stances of his crash, which wasn't in perfect form," he occurred at a point where the said. It was important to me to International Ski Federation athleticism. But his reaction officials had made an afteration to the course.

"I know I made mistakes in the downhill hut unlike other skiers I had not received any information about the gate which had been moved or the tailwind which had such an effect. And I would like to know why I was not told. There should have been a practice run before the event - then I and others would not have been troubled at that point. The only way I could have taken that turn was in a tank."

Seizing their chance to get up to date with the alpine skiing programme, the organisers 5-3 advantage for two minutes in the women's competition. made the most of the good while Joe Sakic and Rob Za- and the portents for a good, weather hy runoing the muner sat in the sin bin for, re- clean sporting game are not women's downhill and the spectively, slashing and holding. good. downhill section of the women's It turned out to be two minutes. After their group match. combined, which will conclude of target practice for the Unittoday. Both were won by Ger- ed States as they fired in seven many's Kana Seizinger, who became the first woman to retain an Olympic alpine skiing title. and diviog, dealt with the rest.

"It was a really good day for me," Seizinger said. "I really like these cooditions." Not had coing for someone who said before the Games that the state of the alpine slopes meant that every evect would be "a lottery". If that was so, she drew two lucky tickets.

## Roy shines as Canada polish off old enemy

Mike Rowbottom reports from Nagano

RON WILSON, coach to the United States ice bockey team. said before these Games that a goaltender could make all the difference in this competition.

On the evidence of yesterday's tumultuous clash between the United States and Canada spot on. And that goaltender is Patrick Roy of Canada.

The man whom many believe is the best in the husiness faced 31 shots from the best players remarked, it was like seeing the United States could master Bobby Charltoo sent off. from the National Hockey League, and saved 30 of them. Four goals from 25 shots took tomorrow, in pole position.

For the US team, which lost its opening match 3-2 to Sweden. a second defeat was not disastrous - results merely influence the quarter-final draw with all teams qualifying - but in terms the hurt was hard to hide.

If you had to think of Roy in terms of British goalkeepers. your first thought would be Neville Southall. The French-Canadian has the same shambolic look and unlikely wheo the Americans pulled a goal back with just six minutes remaining was pure Peter Shilton

~ he took it as a personal insult. Canada have three top-class Japanese, keepers, and Roy did not make the team two years ago when they reached the inaugural World Cup final and lost to the United States, but his perfor- ter-final match as a result. mances since he arrived here with the NHL hrigade last week a have established him as one of the Games' outstanding figures.

His pièce de résistance yesterday came in the first period, when the United States had a consecutive shots on goal. Two United States, there were hit the posts. Roy, blocking accusations that some of the US

The psychological damage to the US was already enormous when the penalty period ended, and then the two released prisoners immediately combined with the legendary Wayne Gretzky to give Canada the lead.

Sakic's pass appeared to have put Gretzky in with a

shooting opportunity, but The Great One turned possibility into certainty by switching the ball gently to Zamuner for an easy score. It was a sweet cameo from the 37-year-old, who has more points for assists in the NHL than his nearest challeoger has in combined points for goals and assists.

He had emphasised his comot the Big Hat rink, Wilson was mitment to the cause in the opening 10 minutes, when he was given a two-minute penalty for tripping. Gretzky in the sin-hin. As one observer

As the Americans' frustration grew, they resorted increasingly to the bodycheck Canada into the quarter-final and cross-check. For a few moknock-out stage, starting ments in the second period, they seemed intent on re-shaping the arena using Canadian hodies to hammer out the boards. But the Canadians, with their huge. baby-face killer captain Eric Lindros, were well able to look after themselves. Throughout of morale, and national pride. Roy, eyes burning through his mask in their lotensity, kept up a coostaot, nead-bobbiog mooologue in bis efforts to maintain concentration.

"What," someone asked, "are you saying to yourself out there?" "Nothing really special," replied Roy, who speaks both English and French.

What language was it in

"Today," Roy said, "maybe

The two defeats have spelled out almighty jolts to American national pride in any language and the US face a tougher quar-

We know that the road to gold medal probably runs through Canada," Wilson said. On yesterday's evidence, that road is a dead end.

The two nations meet again today, in the gold medal decider

where the Canadian world champions were beaten by the players had goaded Canada's forward Danielle Goyette, who scored the first-ever Olympic goal for her country last week, over the recent death of her father.

The Canadian coach, Shan-000 Miller, is reportedly threatening to make the Americans pay for their behaviour.

### England have worked themselves into a position where they have everything to prove



ALAN WATKINS

ON **RUGBY**  play Wales have not heen announced. I see it as one of the what they ought to do rather than

Women's combined downfull (judiom today):

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built up over the past week that Matt Perry must be restored in

AS I write, the England team to Diprose must come in at No 8. case for restoring Adedayo cause his period corresponded Leocard but oot quite as good requirements. There is a case functions of a columnist to for saying that the England tirely new front row, in addition four if you include a match come the first-choice hooker. advise managers and coaches team who went down in Paris to adjusting the back row. were, with a few adjustments to predict what they will do. Ac-such as these, the best currently noticed how hookers who are cordingly I can approach the sub- available. There is equally a case ject without any greater danger for following the traditional Freech revolutiooary policy of than usual of looking foolish.

A consensus seems to bave à la lanterne. place of Mike Catt: that the Paris, the only players to retain be only a matter of time before wiseacres say - the front row has have preferred an attempt to front row must be remodelled their places would be David the call goes forth to George always been the most fertile turn Lyndon Mustoe, also of to accommodate a new tight- Rees, Jeremy Guscott, Paul Chuter of Saracens, admitted- ground for armeniar authorities. Cardiff, into a regular loosehead prop, with Victor Ubogu Grayson (partly because he ly first choice for his club but a the favourite replacement, did not let England down with closely followed by Phil Vick- his kicking, partly because there ery, and a few voices raised in is onbody else), Garath Archer, Bath, now of Moseley, was favour of Will Green; and that Lawrence Dallaglio (if fit) and perhaps still is - a better play- Lions last year, Young was the modern game. After all, either Tim Rodber or Tony Neil Back. There is certainly a er than any of these. But be-considered better than Jasoo Tom Smith, of roughly similar of flankers rather than kept to the corner flag.

Has anyone, by the way, not regular first choices for their ternationals? This season Andy Long of Bath and Dorian West This would mean that, of Leicester have been capped, judged by their performances in the latter as a substitute. It can rugby league. though the match Lewis is back. I should

> very recent one. Graham Dawe, formerly of

These are the minimum Adehayo and Matt Dawsoo to to the reign of Brian Moore he as Paul Wallace. Barry Williams the backs and for fielding an en- ended up with a handful of caps, was distinctly unlucky out to be- Probyn was the same size likemust sometimes reflect on the

unfairness of life. Wales likewise have been clubs are already English in- having trouble in this depart- with Andrew Lewis of Cardiff -that his scrummaging power head. has diminished since his sojourn

in the north.

against the United States. He For Wales the problem, as it has heeo for several seasons, is at loose-head.

The selectors first flirted meot. Wisely, they have stuck and then transferred their consistently with David Young affections to Christian Loader since his return to Cardiff from of Swansea. For the Eogland But the argument I do not

accept is that, at 5ft 10in and 15 Well, in South Africa for the stone, Lewis is "too small" for

tainly use Mr Prohyn's services today.

I am sorry that Craig Quin- greatest dangers to England. nell is still omitted but delighted that Culin Charvis is back. However, he is back at No 6, rather than at No 7. And indeed people speak highly of the player who is to fill the latter position, Martyn Williams. But the truth is surely that

until flankers as a race turn themselves into left-and-right, as wings do, the blind side cannot simply be swapped for the I shall not be at all disappointopen. They are different trades. ed if Jenkins and Arwel

Ceotres have gone the way Thomas make copious use of

South African froot row, Jeff play inside and outside, as wise; and Eogland could cer- respectively will on Saturday. They, Neil Jenkins' boot and Robert Howley present the

> With heart pounding dangerously. I shall be hacking them to win at Twickenham, oot hecause Wales have the better backs, as they do, hut largely hecause Eogland have worked themselves into a position where they oow have everything to prove and will consequently be on edge: whereas Wales have long had nothing to lose.

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steadily that Mohammad Akram and Saqlain Mushtaq, who said

they were attacked by two men

who leapt from a car as they were

walking towards shops close to

their hotel in a wealthy Johan-

nesburg suburb, may have ac-

quired their injuries elsewhere.

of the first Test against South

Africa to be delayed from

Friday to Saturday. It also

prompted waves of condemna-

tion from politicans and sports

officials and a promise that

security for the touring team

Jobannesburg police, how-

ever, have criticised the players

for being "unco-operative" and

this has fuelled the rumours

Although police spokesmen

refuse to confirm the subject of

their investigations, they would

not deny that a team of officers

have talked with the manage-

ment and staff of a late-night club

The former Australia captain Al-

lan Border became a member of

the national selection panel yes-

terday. Border has heen ap-

pointed alongside the chairman.

Trevor Hohns, and Andrew

Hilditch. He replaces Steve

Bernard, who was named as

Australian team manager last

England A scoreboard,

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close to the team hotel.

there may be another story.

would be stepped up.

The attack forced the start

over as England A

make history

Cricket

ENGLAND A completed the

first objective of their winter tour

with an emphatic seven-wicket

victory in Moratuwa in the third

unofficial Test here yesterday.

party set out from London in

December aiming to further

their cricketing education and

became the first A team to beat

Sri Lanka in three tours. They

not only achieved their targets,

but excelled in both with a con-

fident and determined perfor-

mance which enabled them to

inflict Sri Lanka's first A team

adrift after dismissing the tourists

for 466 yesterday, Sri Lanka

reached 58 for 1 at hinch to leave

all but the England dressing-

room preparing for a draw. But

England A, spearheaded by the

spin pairing of Dean Cosker

and Ashley Giles, dismissed Sri

Lanka for 168, before cruising to

their victory target of 74 with 21

the Pakistan team manager,

Asad Aziz, reacted with disdain

to suggestions the two players

who were mugged in South

Africa last Wednesday evening

have been less than bonest

Speculation has mounted

Meanwhile in South Africa,

halls remaining

about their plight.

Starting their reply 95 runs

series defeat on home soil.

The inexperienced tour

Y 1998 3

# Advocaat's Ibrox role confirmed

Football

By Bryn Palmer

AFTER WEEKS of speculation, David Murray, Rangers' chairman, yesterday revealed the news that most had been expecting - that Dick Advocaat, the former Dutch national manager, will take over team affairs when Walter Smith retires at the end of the season.

Advocant, who will become the Rangers' first foreign coach. forced the issue by signalling his intention to announce his future plans after guiding his present club, PSV Eindhoven, through a league game with Ajax on

In a short statement, Murray confirmed that the 50-yearwho is stepping down after is the right time," he said.

leading Rangers to six of their nine successive Scottish ddes. "I am delighted that Dick the World Cup in 1994, has Advocaat, one of the game's since won the Dutch champimost respected coaches, has accepted the position of manager was faced with the prospect of Rangers," Murray said. "Over the past few weeks we

from this it became quite clear that Dick was our first choice. "As already stated, Walter Smith will continue in manage the club until the arrival of Dick from PSV on t July."

interviewed a number of possible

Murray, who was not prelength or value of the contract. said he felt obliged to make a statement to end speculation.

"I felt some pressure to make the announcement as I said I old Dutchman was always his would reveal our choice near the first choice to succeed Smith, start of the year and I feet this

#### Premiership giants accused of poaching young players

FOUR Premiership clubs have Stockport. Shrewsbury have also been charged with trying to accused Wolves of altempting to poach young players from other teams.

Manchester United, Newcastle, Everton and Aston Villa, together with Wolves of the First Division, are alleged to have breached the Football Association's Programme of Excellence Regulations by attempting to sign youngsters attached to other clubs under the scheme. The clubs have until Thursday to answer the charges.

Everton have been charged following a complaint from Wolves in coonection with four players, while Villa are charged over alleged approaches in three West Brom youngsters and one who was at Charlton. Hull have complained about Newcastle trying to sign two of their players, while United have been eharged over alleged hids for a cent months, is to sell its 25 per player each from Crewe and cent share in Middlesbrough.

sign one of their youngsters.

Frank Burrows is the new manager of Cardiff City. The Scot was in charge at Ninian Park club from 1986 to 1989, leading Cardiff to promotion from the old Fourth Division in 1988.

Don Hutchison is on the verge of joining Everion, in time to face his former club Liverpool in the Merseyside derby at the weekend. Hutchison is switching from Sheffield United with a small cash adjustment, with the young defender Jon O'Connor going the other way,

Bryan Gunn, who has lost his first-team place at Norwieh to Aody Marshall, is joining Hibernian on loan for the rest of the season.

ICI, which has sold off a number of its businesses in re-

Advocaat, whn led the Dutch to the quarter-finals of several key players leaving the ctuh at the end of the season.

Although his deal in Eindcandidates for this position and hoven ran until the middle of 1999. Advocaat exercised a clause in his contract that allowed him to annul the agreement should he receive a better offer elsewhere.

He said: "t have a very clear vision of the direction I wish to pared to reveal details of the take the club and I look forward to working with everyone at Rangers to ensure that direction brings even more success to this great club.

Advocaat's arrival at Ibrox means Dutchmen will be guiding the attempts of both the main Glasgow elubs in their search for continental success. Advocaat's friend and former colleague, Wim Jansen, is head coach at Cettic.

While Rangers are chasing a record 10th successive title, their performances in Europe - with a couple of notable exceptions - have been disappointing. Earlier this season they suffered the indignity of being knocked out of both the Cup early on, and the vicechairman, Donald Findlay, was quick to point out this was unnther factor in the choice of

Advocaat. "He is a man with enormous experience in Europe and 1 think the Rangers supporters should be very excited about him bringing that experience to bear on our game from a European standpoint," Findlay said.

"He regards Rangers as a great club and a great challenge, and I think he appreciates that for a club of our size, our success rate in Europe in recent years has not been acceptable. He is looking forward to trying to improve that as well as maintaining domestic success."



### being knocked out of both the Champions Cup and the Uefa Agassi storms past Sampras

Tennis

ANDRE AGASSI demonstrated a fresh thirst for tennis when he beat the world No I, Pete Sampras, 6-2, 6-4 in San Jose, California. Agassi captured his first title in 18 months with a brilliant display of serves, returns of serves and groundstrokes at the Sybase Open. He vowed after the match that he was taking aim at the No 1 ranking this year and looking to fight it out with Sam-

pras in the French Open final. Britain's No 1, Greg Rusedski, has dropped one place to No 9 in the latest world rankings, but Tim Human, the No 2, dimbed one place to 17th despite three successive first-round defeats.

Rusedski's ranking is his lowest since be first moved into the top 10 in October after winning the Swiss Indoor Championship, but his drop came because he did not play last week.

Henman, by contrast, has been in poor form but had no points to defend last week. He moved up a place because Thomas Muster dropped from 16th to 21st.

Britain will play Ukraine in Group One of the Euro-African Zone of the Davis Cup for the second successive year when

the two countries meet in Newcastle in April.

Ukraine beat Dermark 3-2 in Kiev over the weekend to qualify for this second-round tie, which Britain must win to progress to the World Group Qualifying round in Septem-

Former world No 1 Steffi Graf celebrated her comeback eight months after a knee operation with a straight-sets win in the first round of the WTA doubles tournament in Hanover.

Graf and her partner, Barbara Rittner, beat their compatriots, Meike Babel and Wiltrud

#### **EF Education loses** mast in heavy seas

Sailing

Stuart Alexander reports from Auckland

THE 12-strong, all-woman crew of EF Education were dealt a second hammer blow on the Whitbread Round the World Race yesterday when their mast buckled and crashed on to the deck.

Already crippled by damage to the rigging which had left them at the back of the nine-boat fleet 1,400 miles behind the leader and sister yacht, EF Language, the latest setback raises day's play, which was inter- serious doubts about whether to an end for the group chasing rupted by bad weather, that he they can reach Brazil in time to Paul Cayard and EF Language. start the sixth leg to Fort Laud-

Neither skipper Christine Guillou nor any of her crew, who were left trying to retrieve the decision not to conclude his tangle of heavy rig in difficult southern ocean conditions -steep waves, strong winds and extreme cold - were injured.

Their progress will now be further hampered by the small sail area that they will he able to carry on a jury rig and they do not have enough fuel to motor continuously for the week it would take to reach port at Ushuaia near Cape Horn.

quiry by the World Professional Billians and Snooker Association for comments he and his manager, lan Doyle, allegedly made to the press. REGAL SCOTTISH OPEN (Aberdeen) Second naust: N Poutds (Eng) bit II Finbow (Eng) 5-2; M Campbel (Sco) bit A McMarus (Sco) 5-3; T Date (Ma) bit II Harold (Eng) 5-3; T Muptly (Mi) bit N Pauroe (Eng) 5-3; S Hendry (Sco) bit I M Williams (Ma) 5-3; S Hendry (Sco) bit I Griffin (Eng) 6-4; J Higgins (Sco) bit T Croppel (Wal) 5-1.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CHAMPI-ONSHIP (Antwerp) Singles, first round: G Racux (Fr) bt F Clevet (Sp) 7-8-5-7-5-2; M Lanson (Swe) bt M Goeliner (Ger) 8-2 6-1; J Tarango (US) bt 11 Norman (Bet) 3-6 6-4 6-3; P Harter (Aus) bt A Boelsch (Fr) 6-2-7-8.

Tennis

Extra fuel may have in be dropped to them from the air.

Chessie Racing may also need help from the sky because they cannot start the main engine which powers their water-maker. The food on the Whithread boats is mainly dehydrated and is useless without water. The crew are being rationed to three cups a day. We are looking for land and sailing hard to shorten the time of our thirst," the watch captain. Dave Scott, reported.

The frustration of being becamed at Cape Horn came erdale, which starts on 14 March. took them all round the notorious landmark, with Gunnar Krantz reclaiming second place in Swedish Match and Grant Dalton taking Merit Cup up to third, just three miles behind. Cayard, meanwhile, was 274 miles ahead, making 12 knots.

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE (With leg, 6,670 miles, Auckland, NZ, to Sao Sebastino, Bra): 1 EF Language (Swe) P Cayard 1977 miles to finish; 2 Swedsh Match (Swo) G Krantz ZP miles behind; 3 Merit Cup (Monaco) G Dallon +277, 4 Toshibe (US) P Standbridge 283; 5 Innovation Kweemer (Nor) K Frostad +288; 5 Brunel Sunergy (Neth) R Heiner +42; 7 Cheele Racing (US) D Smith +444; 3 Sik Cut (GB) L Smith +1013; 8 EF Education (Swe) C Guillou +1,454.

### Hull and Sheffield draw giant-killers

Rugby League

THE two Cumbrian amateur sides who made history by eaching the last 16 have been rewarded with fifth round ties against Super League opposition it the hard way," Castleford's in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

Ellenborough, who beat Hunslet in the last round, have a trip to Hull, while Egremont, who whitewashed Workington Town - B Super League side themselves just 18 months ago - face Sheffield Eagles.

There are some heavyweight confrontations elsewhere, with

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MEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPTONSHIP
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Badminton

Basketball

Cricket

to neighbours Warrington and Flatt tomorrow. Castleford, victorious at Leeds nn Saturday, playing host to Bradford, the beaten finalists for the last two seasons.

"If we are going to Wembley, it looks like we'll have to do coach, Stuart Raper, said.

There is another all-Super League meeting at the London Broncos, where Halifax are the visitors, all of which makes Wigan even firmer favourites to made their own. They are away to the winners of the Dewsbury-Lancashire Lynx tie, which is to

Bowling: Holloake 8-0-17-0; Ormond 11-1-45-1; Ealitam 5-3-8-0; Giles 243-12-43-5; Cosker 22-8-45-3; Maddy 1-0-4-0.

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ncox 5-0-16-0. okes: C J Mitchley and P Willey.

FIRST TEST

(Johann won to

St Heleos have reacted calmly to news from Australia that their new signing, Damien Smith, was thrown out of his previous club, St George, for turning up for training under the influence not of drink but recreational drugs.

"We were already aware of the disciplinary measures and he comes to us with a clean sheet." said Saints' chief executive, David Howes. Smith is due to recover the trophy they once arrive, complete with work permit, within three weeks.

Cycling

Football

Meanwhile, the player he replaces on Saints' overseas ros-

SUPERSPORT SERIES (Final day of four!: Cape Town: Grounterd West 236 and 216 MI Galley 88; P R Adams 7-98); Western Province 500 for 5 dec [H II Ackermen 7A, E O Smors 137no, A G Prince 60; Wastern Province won by an lunings and 45

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(Nett) isem Gerotseiner; 9 U Eberbarris (Sp)
Euskeltel-Euskad; 10 D Eberbarria all s/L

Football
Steve Davis, the Bamsley defender, has moved to Oxford United on a months loan white Dearen Purse, the Oxford central defender, has completed his player-plus cash move to Birmingham City, with striker Kevin Francis moving in the opposite direction. Birmingham have paid Oxford 2500,000 in cash, plus Francis who has been valued at £100,000.

SOUTH AFRICAN PGA (Johannesburg) Leeding finel-round scores (SA unless statud): 271 T Johnstone (Zm) 8864 67 72. 273 E Es 69 69 66 68. 275 N Price (Zm) 71 67 66 66; R Goosen 71 70 69 65. 273 S Dunlap (US) 69 65 71 70, 277 P Price (GB)

the holders, St Helens, at home be re-played at New Crown ter, Jamie Olejnik, is to rejoin one of his previous elubs, Manry. Olejnik failed to get a work permit, but might still join Saints next year.

Sheffield Eagles are today announcing the signing of the Great Britain prop, Steve Molloy, who has been involved in a long-running battle to leave Featherstone Rovers.

Another Great Britain prop, Leeds' Barrie MeDermott, bas denied a rift with the club's new coach, Graham Murray, after being substituted only 18 minutes after coming on to the field in the Challenge Cup defeat by Castleford on Saturday.

### Norman under fire for no-show

GREG NORMAN was chircised yesterday for falling to fin-round because of pressing ish his final round of the South African PGA championship. Officials later confirmed his

disqualification after the Australian world No 2, who was paid \$300,000 (£187,000) in appear in the European co-sanctioned event, failed to arrive yesterday morning to complete his fourth and final round. He was eightunder-par after nine holes and in line for a top-10 finish.

The double British Open champion told tournament officials after the close of Sun-

(Aus) 705; 11 10 Curel 638; 12 J Leonard 6.83; 13 M ONecara 6.78; 14 T Watson 6.45; 15 8 Faston 6.40; 15 V Singh (Fiji 6.23; 17 S Hoott 6.22; 18 N Faido (GB) 612; 15 J Parmevik (Swe) 5.98; 20 F Couples 5.77.

As the National League clubs' man-agers and coaches meet this week to consider ways of improving the League structures to provide a more purposeful environment to promote

England's étite players, the battle for National League status warms up. One such meeting took place at Eastcote on Saturday where the home side were

Hockey

did not intend to continue his engagements in the US. He left the country on Sunday night.

"I'm disappointed in Greg's final round. I consider his conduct injurious to the Southern Africa tour," the commissioner, Arnold Mentz, said.

Zimhabwe's Tony Johnstone, the eventual tournament winner, said he was surprised at Norman's decision: "I wouldn't have expected Greg to leave. I think that [\$300,000] is worth an extra day."

Wycombe continued their tentional ad-

vantage with goals from Andy Burroughs and Gavin Elliot to share the points.

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

92,000

The number of spectators who watched Mexico beat the United States 1-0 in the final of the Concacacaf Gold Cup in Los Angeles on Sunday night. Luis Hernandez headed the only goal to give Mexico their third straight title. Brazil beat Jamaica 1-0 in the third-place play-off.

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and are upset with the arrangement.
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be incredible that the EHA cannot work
in conjunction with the counties. News
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# England hesitate in face of history

#### Rain intervenes as tourists lose momentum after Stewart heroics

**Derek Pringle** reports from Port of Spain

West Indies 159 & 210 England 145 & 170-4

FOR the second time io a week, England were hesitating over beating the West Indies here at the Queen's Park Oval. Needing 225 to win they appeared to be coasting to victory after a ceotury opening stand between Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart. However, two

vital wickets by Courtney Walsh and another by Carl Hooper meant that England were 170 for 4 when heavy rain stopped play on the stroke of tea. The West Indies have not lost a game on this ground

sioce Pakistan beat them 21 years ago. After a morning that was all England that record began to look in jeopardy. Yet. as England are acutely aware. particularly the six current players who played in the débacle here four years ago wheo England were dismissed for 46 in the last innings of the match, you allow the West Indies through the front door at your peril.

The main reason this has been a low scoring match is that an awful lot of hatsmen on both sides have gifted their wickets away with appalling shots and decisions, But although Atherton, Stewart and Nasser Hussain could do little over their dismissals, the same could not be said of John Crawley, whose foolish run-out brought the West Indies' waning belief flooding back with a vengeance.

Before Crawley embarked were 144 for 1. Thirteen overs later they were 168 for 4, with Ambrose and Walsh, as well as the gremlins of Port of Spain. gnawiog at their heels. But if rain brought time for England to regroup, it allowed Walsh and Ambrose to rest. With the new ball due soon and the pitch

Fourth day: England won toss

WEST INDIES - First innings 159 (A C Fraser 5-40, A R Caddick 5-67).

ENGLAND - First irmings 145 (C E L Ambrose 5-25).

(234 min, 173 balls, 3 fours) A J Stewart c O Williams b Walsh

(300 min, 245 balls, 8 fours) JP Crawley run out (Berlaman-D Will TV replay)

(30 min, 20 balls)

QUEEN'S PARK OVAL SCOREBOARD

a place for faint hearted bats-

looked very different and with two days to score the 173 runs needed at the start of play, there was no need to rush. The first hour's play yielded 36 runs, most of them to Stewart. However, small totals are sometimes flattered by the cautious approach and the England team and their supporters were grateful wheo Stewart, after a shaky start, began to pierce the ringed field set by the West Indies captain, Brian Lara

Stewart is at his best with pace on the ball and he began to cut loose soon after England's first scare of the morning when Atherton, scampering back for a second run, narrowly beat Nixon McLean's superb return from long leg. Next hall, with Atherton on 39, the West Indies should have broken through when he cut Walsh straight to Stuart Williams in the gully, who spilled a difficult chance.

By rights it should have been the wicket that broke the drought and the drop visibly affected the West Indies' morale. Like for England, it has been the howlers closer to the eod than the middle of their careers who have taken the majority of the wickets so far. The two hack-to-hack Tests here in Trinidad have taken their toll and although the spirit would have been willing after a wicketless first session, the bodies would not have been.

Resolve, even for experienced campaigners like Walsh on his fatal second run England and Ambrose, has its breaking point and instead of them perhaps reflecting on their storming performance here four years ago, their tired minds would have begun to wander back to their more recent and less savoury experiences in Karachi and Peshawar.

However, perhaps with one

Felt: 1-129 (Atherton); 2-145 (Crawley); 3-152 (Stewart); 4-166 (Hussein).

Bowling (to date): Weish 25-5-54-2; Am-brose 21-6-35-0; Benjamin 11-3-24-0 (mb2): McLean 4-0-17-0; Adams 6-3-5-0 (mb1);

Progress: Third day: 50: 94 min. 214 overs. Bad light stopped play at 554pm – clase 52-0 (Atherton 30, Stewart 14) 25 overs. Fourth day: 100: 183 min. 43.4 overs. Rain stopped play at 1158am – bunch talvan at 122-0 (Atherton 47, Stewart 64) 33 overs. 150: 237 min. 695 overs. Tea: 170-4 (Thorpe 9, Buncher 1) 81 overs.

wart's 50: 183 mm, 142 balls, 6 fours

Total (for 4, 81 overs)

greening up under the covers, last burrah in mind after lunch. Queen's Park was certainly oot which had been brought forward by a hrisk shower, Lara alternated his two senior bowlers an over at a time from A few hours earlier, it had all

> the Pavilion End. It is a ploy that Lara used in Perth last winter in 100C heat while Walsh, the captain, was off the field. Whatever his reasons this time the gambit worked with Walsh finding the edge of Atherton's bat with a beauty that bounced and left the

England captain off the pitch. Before this innings, Atherton had not passed 50 in his last. 12 innings. That number has oow risen to 13, though his gritty 49 was worth double that in the circumstances.

With one Manchester Grammar old boy being replaced by another you would have thought that the cerebral side of chasing this target would have been in good hands.

But pressure can do strange things to the coolest of minds and with John Crawley playing for glory as well as his place in the next Test, the combination proved lethal. He was run out going for a second that was never there by Kenny Beojamin, running round from extra cover. Mind you, with TV replays angles blocked by static fielders, the decision to give Crawley out, although probably the correct one, was based on guesswork, which is what the technology is surely meant to eradicate.

While Stewart remained, however, England were still favourites. But in keeping with this incredible Test match, where the upper hand has changed sides almost by the session, the odds shifted when, eight runs later, Walsh had the England opener caught behind off a similar ball to the one that had done for his captain.

It was an incredible piece of resilience by Walsh who four halls before getting Stewart, had seen Hooper spill him at slip. To come back so soon after such a disappointment was a testament to the bowler's heart, which as captain bad been by this side recently in Pakistan.

But if that brought the home crowd to their feet for the first time, they were up again not long after when Hussain, who just having struck Hooper back over his head for four, was out to a grubber from the same bowler that struck him below the bootlaces. It was a ball that will have preyed on all those waiting their turn in the dressing-room.

England A make history, page 27

### Negri's double vision of a bright future with Rangers

stay at home resting in bed.

There I was enjoying a game of

squash with Sergio but it proved

too dangerous. No more squash

serious and I thought about my

career and about Rangers. The

club is always the most important

thing for me, firstly to win the

league and hopefully the Cup.

ing the scoresheet tonight has

been boosted by the return of his

main supplier, Brian Laudrup.

ter Smith last week after details

were made public from Chelsea

about Laudrup meeting Gianluca

Vialli in midweek

The prospect of Negri find-

Who scores doesn't matter.

"I was concerned it might be

for me. That is the last time.

years afterwards

Football

By Simon Buckland

MARCO NEGRI says he is still experiencing "flashing" across his damaged eye and has been warned it could stay with him for years to come.

The Rangers striker sustained the injury last month during a squash game with his fellow Italian, Sergio Portini, and was out of action for more than four weeks. His return to action was delayed by the need for permission to head the hall again because of his impaired vision.

and Negri feared for his career. Having been assured by experts he can continue, the 27year-old has set his sights on a Scottish League and Cup double. The immediate aim is victory tonight at home to Motherwell to secure a Cup quarter-final place. Negri's relief at playing \_ The Dane was left out by Walagain is clear and he is determined to carry on regardless with his record of 34 goals since joining last summer from Perugia.

"My eye is getting better," he lem for tonight is who to play insaid. "I keep seeing a flashing across it yet I have been assured stead of the suspended Porrini, this is normal. According to the with Craig Moore and Gordan specialists this is not dangerous Petric his main options. and other people with the injury have seen flashing for up to five

Motherwell will again look to their veteran front pairing of Owen Coyle and Tommy Coyne to produce their best, and they "It was a frustrating injury and I was disappointed and I suppose are confident of delivering. a little hit down wheo I had to

"We seem to get more joy against the Old Firm than most and hopefully we can capitalise on that," Coyle said, "We know it is a difficult tie, but it is a place everyone wants to play. If you can't enjoy Ibrox, there is not much point in playing the game."

In tonight's other replay, Dundee take on Ross County at Dens Park with the home manager Jocky Scott saying Dariusz Adamczuk will return to the starting line-up.

"He had been suspended the week before and I wanted to keep a winning team uochanged," Scott said. "But he made a big difference on Saturday, and he will return."

Advocast, the new man at ibrox, page 27

### Slips that show the naked truth about Lara's bowling options

ON THIS heavily cracked pitch. which is well grassed in places and bare in others, it seemed almost certain it would be the plan. When Atherton and Stewry. A week ago, England were looking to their seamers to win the second Test match for them - and we all know what happened then.

Brian Lara started the day with Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose and the West Indies went about their husiness as if it had been ordained that these two would start England's downfall. It was almost as if they were going through the motions. Not only did they fail to take wickers, however, but the runs began to come rather too freely. for Lara's liking.

He found himself facing the age old dilemma. While it was imperative he took wickets, he also had to make sure that tho many runs were not given away. It is never easy to get the balance just right. Lara showed that he understood the problem though when, right from the start, he used a third man and

This meant that all he could find for his illustrious pair of opening bowlers was three slips. When after 10 overs Kenny Benjamin took over from Waish, he was given only one Stewart, who had gone for his strokes from the start.

. Lara alternated his four fast wicket would not fall. He kept them on and looked increasingly charges would not perform for him. He did not know what to do.

Wheo he did not turn to Carl Hooper, whose off-breaks have looked dangerous whenever he has been used in Port of Spain. it was further evidence that he was working to a pre-arranged

HENRY BLOFELD

West Indies four fast bowlers art survived the opening assault who would take them to victo- a more astute captain might at that point have given Hooper a short spell. The batsmen would have been anticipating a constant barrage from the fast bowlers and might have found it difficult to retune their thinking.

Hooper has dismissed three good hatsmen in this series -Graham Thorpe twice and Stewart - and his captain should have shown greater trust in him now.

When he finally threw the ball to Hooper he had time for. only four overs before rain started the lunch interval five



Lara: Good decisions

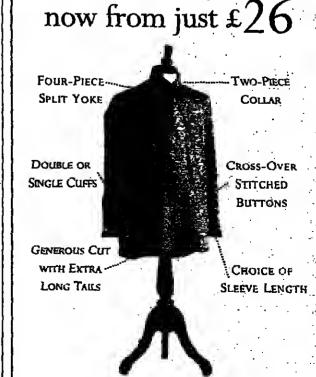
minutes early and in those overs he caused both batsmen problems and Atherion gave a techslip when he bowled at Alec nical chance to forward short leg when he tried to drive him over midwicket.

Twenty years ago, Clive bowlers but still that elusive first Lloyd, the present West Indies. team manager, would have begun with Michael Marshall surprised as if he were a lion and Michael Holding and then, tamer in a circus who sudden- without thinking, would have brought on Joel Garner and Colin Croft

On this sort of pitch there would have been no need for anyone else. The present West Indian pace is not in the same class and it calls for more imaginative captaincy to winkle sides

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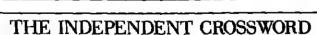
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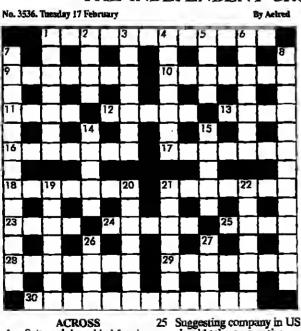
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